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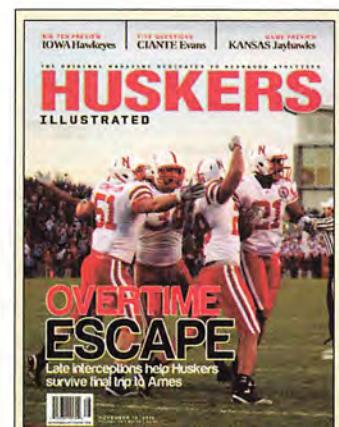


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Nebraska-Iowa State series comes to fitting end



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Huskers (left-right) Will Compton, Cameron Meredith, Eric Hagg and Prince Amukamara celebrate after Hagg's game saving interception in overtime. Hagg intercepted two passes in the game as Nebraska kept its Big 12 championship hopes alive with a 31-30 victory in its final trip to Ames.

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RESERVATIONS

Husker fans can begin plans for trip to Dallas

THE HUSKERS FATE hung in the balance Saturday.

After leading by 14 points, it appeared Nebraska would overcome a tough first half to lock up another road victory. But Iowa State had other plans.

As crazy as it sounds, Jack Trice Stadium was rocking. Iowa State fans were dreaming of another rare upset in this otherwise lopsided series. Nebraska fans were canceling hotel reservations in Dallas.

But in the blink of an eye, defensive back Eric Hagg changed everything.

Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads made a great play call. But holder Daniel Kuehl's pass on a fake extra point, floated. And Hagg made a break for it.

The Arizona native snatched the ball, sending his teammates into a frenzy that buried him on the field. Instead of a demoralizing 32-31 defeat, that would have likely crushed any hope of a return visit to Dallas, the Huskers celebrated a 31-30 overtime victory.

What the Huskers didn't know is that in a few short hours, the Missouri Tigers would all but deliver the Big 12 North trophy to Lincoln. The Tigers blew a 14-point lead as Texas Tech rallied for a 24-17 win, meaning Nebraska would have to lose two of its remaining three games to miss out on a repeat title game appearance.

Nebraska was lucky to win, for sure. But when you're playing your third string quarterback, you'll take a road win in the Big 12 if you have to beg, borrow and steal.



And steal is exactly what Nebraska did.

While Nebraska is in great shape to close out a Big 12 North championship, it is running out of time to answer some lingering questions.

The biggest – can Nebraska find a way to stop the run down the stretch?

When asked about his defense after the game, head coach Bo Pelini snapped saying, "I don't think we played poorly defensively. I don't know what game you were watching."

In the game I watched, Nebraska gave up 192 yards in the first half. And while the Cyclones only averaged 3.3 yards per carry, the alarming number was that Iowa State ran 80 plays from scrimmage.

Why?

Because Nebraska finally faced a coach that was committed to the run and was determined not to let Nebraska's secondary beat him (which it did, ultimately).

Washington gave up on the run. Oklahoma State gave up on the run, as did Missouri. At some point, a team with a better running game than Iowa State is going to make Nebraska pay.

But for now, Husker fans can start making those travel plans for Dallas. **N**

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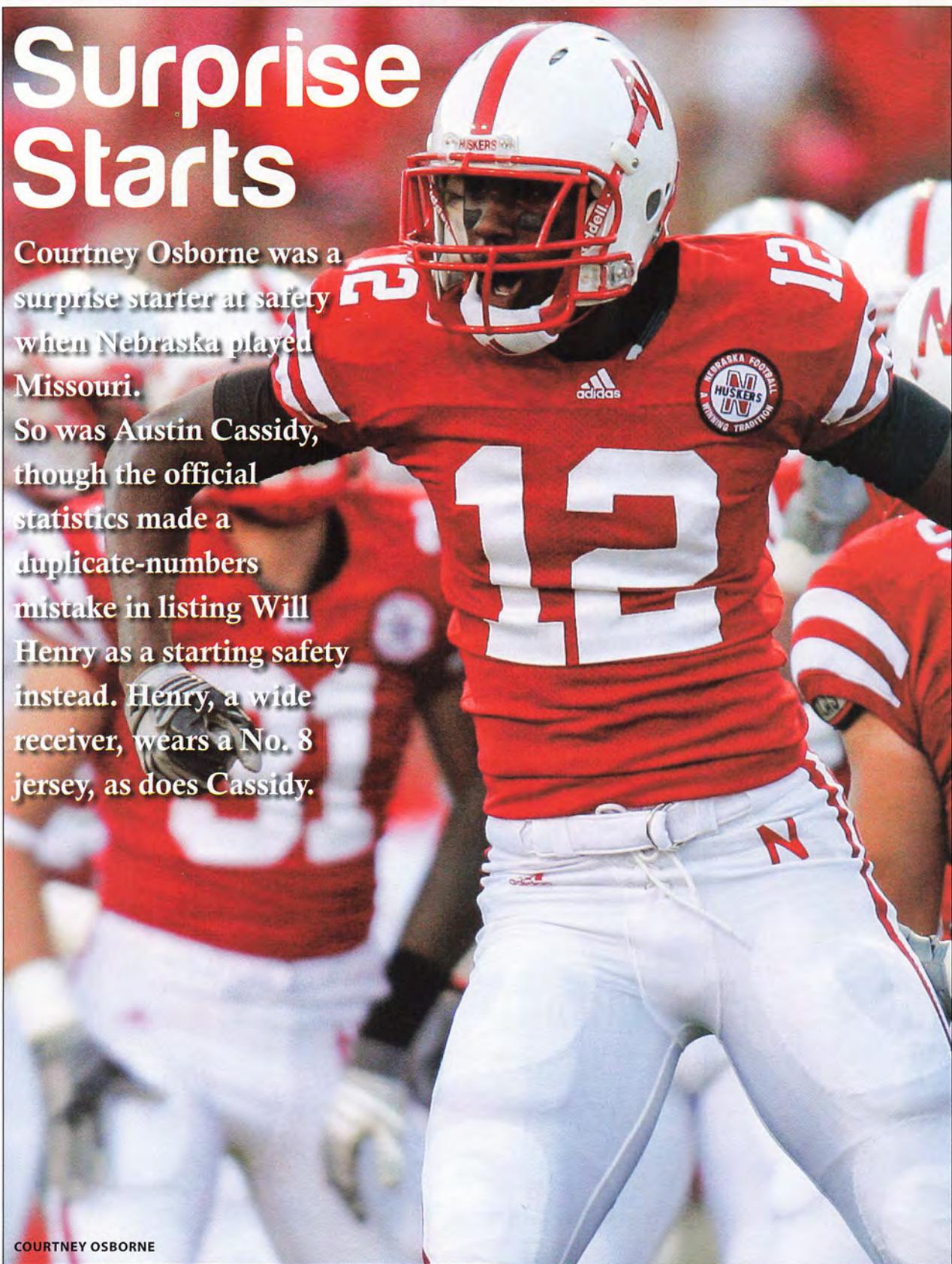
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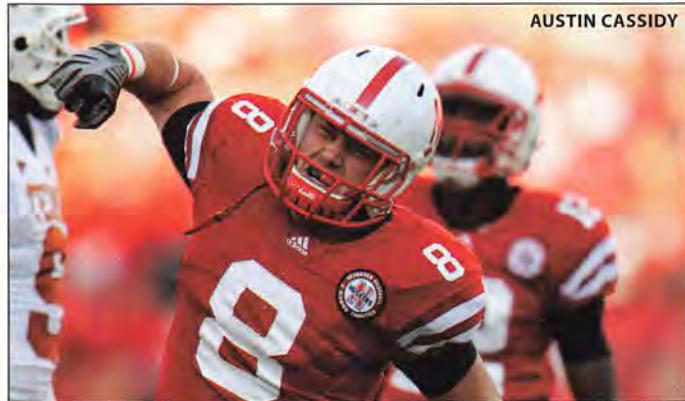
Courtney Osborne was a surprise starter at safety when Nebraska played Missouri.

So was Austin Cassidy, though the official statistics made a duplicate-numbers mistake in listing Will Henry as a starting safety instead. Henry, a wide receiver, wears a No. 8 jersey, as does Cassidy.



COURTNEY OSBORNE

PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK



AUSTIN CASSIDY

Based on experience, Cassidy's starting was probably less of a surprise than Osborne's. The junior from Lincoln has made a name for himself on special teams and is the older of the two.

Osborne, who also has played on special teams last season, is a sophomore.

"Courtney's money," said defensive coordinator Carl Pelini. "You watch him through the course of a week at practice, there aren't very many mental mistakes, and he's a very physical tackler. Put those two things together, like I said after the game, (and that's why he started).

"Sometimes as a coach you become complacent, just playing the guys you've been playing. But again, if you're going to preach competition, you have to reward guys and give guys opportunities at certain times. Courtney certainly earned the opportunity and made the most of it, as did Austin."

Both are sure tacklers. They were credited with six tackles apiece in the 31-17 victory against the Tigers. And Osborne had one of the Huskers' six sacks of quarterback Blaine Gabbert.

Pelini wasn't hesitant to start either of them, despite the game's significance. "You just put guys out there you feel are going to give you the best chance to win, regardless of experience," he said. "Shoot, I remember looking up in the Big 12 Championship game last year and watching Austin Cassidy out there. The guys are ready. It's up to you to prepare them. They might not be real experienced in Memorial Stadium or at this level. But they've played a lot of football in their lives.

"Once that game starts, it's just another football game."

Now senior Rickey Thenarse and sophomore P.J. Smith, who had been the starters and still had Blackshirts the following week, "are trying to win their positions back," Pelini said. "Maybe they will, and then the other guys have to fight to get it back. That's what you want on a football team, competition.

"That's what depth gives you."

HI'S TOP 5

GOOD-BYE
OLD FOE

JIM MCFARLAND

The Nebraska-Kansas series, 116 games, is tied for the third-longest in NCAA Bowl Subdivision history, trailing only Minnesota-Wisconsin and Missouri-Kansas and it is the longest current continuous series with an NCAA record 104 games. This will be the final game in the foreseeable future as Nebraska leaves for the Big Ten. Here are five in the series to remember:

- 1 NEBRASKA 21, KANSAS 17** (Lincoln) Oct. 18, 1969; Nebraska's 32-game unbeaten streak, including back-to-back national titles, begins (see Games Remembered).
- 2 NEBRASKA 59, KANSAS 23** (Lawrence) Nov. 9, 1991; Calvin Jones rushes for 294 yards and six touchdowns in less than three quarters.
- 3 NEBRASKA 23, KANSAS 9** (Lincoln) Nov. 9, 1963 Huskers win despite Omaha Central grad Gale Sayers' 99-yard touchdown run.
- 4 NEBRASKA 41, KANSAS 3** (Lawrence) Nov. 11, 1995; No. 10-ranked Jayhawks are no match for Tom Osborne's second national title team.
- 5 KANSAS 76, NEBRASKA 39** (Lawrence) Nov. 3, 2007; Ugh, a day that will live in Husker infamy, the most points ever scored against Nebraska.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS



Ask his teammates and they'll tell you DeJon Gomes is among the leaders on defense. Ask Gomes and, well, you'll get a slightly different take. "I think some of my teammates may look at me as a leader, but ultimately, with all the experience we have as a secondary, we almost feed off each other," he said. "Any of the guys who are out there can be looked at as leaders."

"For the most part, we don't talk too much. We just lead by example. You see a guy doing well and you want to do good so you're not the weak link, pretty much."

NO SURPRISE

That Taylor Martinez has flourished as a ball carrier has been no surprise to Jared Crick. The junior defensive tackle saw Martinez's running ability during fall camp.

"I don't want to admit it, but there were plays that, yeah, he'd get on the outside and just out-run everybody," said Crick. "We had to make our adjustments, you know, prepare for that."

Practicing against Martinez prepared the defense to deal with mobile quarterbacks. It also was frustrating at times. "That was one of the



DEJON GOMES

PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK

things we prided ourselves on last year, not letting mobile quarterbacks hurt us, and having Taylor take the outside and just burn us for 20 (yards) or something, yeah, it was frustrating," Crick said. "But it also was a learning experience for us."

"He may have done it early in camp, but he wasn't doing it towards the later part of camp."

The reason? "We had made our adjustments," said Crick.

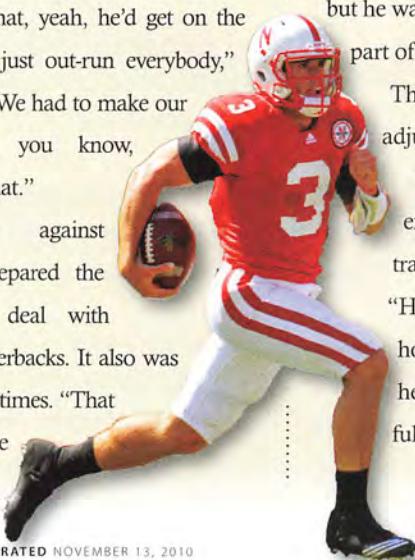
Martinez's speed has to be experienced. It doesn't fully translate.

"He's blistering fast on film, but how quick he is and how quick he is from a stop position to full-speed, just his acceleration

speed, that's probably biggest thing because he goes from just standing there looking in the pocket to squirting out pretty quick," Crick said. "He looks quick on film, but definitely, you've got to be there rushing against him to see how quick he really is."

TEAM, NOT INDIVIDUALS

Early in the Big 12 season, coach Bo Pelini was asked if he wanted Taylor Martinez to become the face of the program. "I don't believe in anybody being the face of the program, me included," Pelini said. "It's a team game, but I also understand that he's getting a lot of attention. I understand that's part of it, too."



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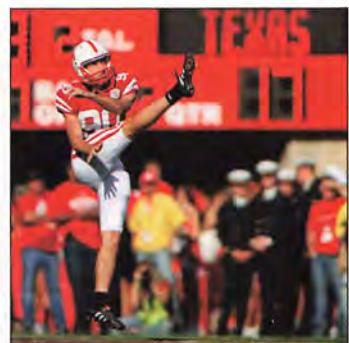
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TAYLOR MARTINEZ

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SIDELINES



DOUBLING UP

Alex Henery could be a poster boy for Cornhusker walk-ons. He came to Nebraska on his own, turning down a soccer scholarship at Creighton to do. Now he has a scholarship, of course, and his fame is national, not just in Nebraska. For the second consecutive season, the senior from Omaha has been named a semifinalist for the Groza Award and been included on the Ray Guy Award watch list.

He's the only player in the country on both award lists.

The Groza Award, presented to the nation's top collegiate place-kicker, will announce three finalists this month and they'll be honored at an awards banquet in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Dec. 7, with the winner being announced on the Home Depot College Football Awards TV show on Dec. 9.

Ten semifinalists for the Guy Award will be announced Nov. 12 followed by three finalists on Nov. 22. The winner also will be announced on the College Football Awards show.

"I never thought I'd be at this point," Henery said. "I never dreamed of playing football or anything, really wanting to try it until my soccer coach suggest I go out for it."

"I just never really dreamed of being here or anything like that."

Fast Talker

Taylor Martinez can run fast.

And yes, he can talk fast, too. In fact, he talks so fast in the huddle that some guys have trouble understanding the play he's calling.

"He kind of does rattle off the play," said senior offensive guard Keith Williams. "It kind of all goes together, and you kind of got to break it down a little bit. But me, a veteran like myself, I hear a couple of words here and there, and I kind of know what's going on."

There's no time to repeat plays, of course.

"We've got to get in and out of the huddle," Williams said.

Receivers coach Ted Gilmore "tells us to look him (Martinez) in his mouth because, like, we'd be looking down and we'd hear him, and we'd say, 'What did you just say, Taylor? Like, relax, dude,'" said junior wide receiver Brandon Kinnie.

said junior wide receiver Brandon Kinnie.

"But that's just him."

"That's not him trying to be fast. That's just really him talking. So you tell him to slow down. Looking at him in his mouth helps even more because you can understand what he's saying."

"He's just quick at everything he does."

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	WESTERN KENTUCKY,	W, 49-10
9/11	IDAHO	W, 38-17
9/18	at Washington	W, 56-21
9/25	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W, 17-3
10/7	at Kansas State	W, 48-13
10/16	TEXAS	L, 13-20
10/23	at Oklahoma State	W, 51-41
10/30	MISSOURI	W, 31-17
11/6	at Iowa State	2:30 p.m., ABC
11/13	KANSAS	TBA
11/20	at Texas A&M	TBA
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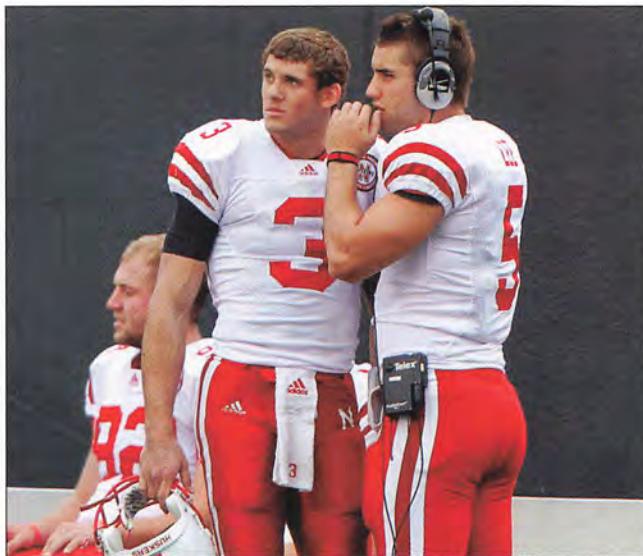


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TEAM FIRST

Zac Lee has been ready when called upon, first against Texas and then against Missouri, when he played the second half after Taylor Martinez was sidelined by an ankle injury.

Not every player would respond as Lee has to being a back-up after starting 12 games last season, and playing through a shoulder injury that required off-season surgery, besides.

That's a testament to his character. "Being a quarterback isn't necessarily always being the front man," Lee said in early October. "You're a quarterback on a team, or being a

senior on a team, it kind of all goes together where you've got to be a good teammate, got to work as hard as you can, still got to lead, still got to show the young guys how things need to be done. I just try and make myself the best player I can be and try and be there for teammates."

Lee saw how former Cornhusker quarterback Joe Ganz, now a football intern, handled himself, preparing for an opportunity he wasn't sure would ever come.

"You keep going. You keep working. You keep preparing yourself," Lee said.

SIDELINES

ACCENTUATE THE NEGATIVE

Defensive coordinator Carl Pelini will give credit where credit is due. He'll praise players when praise is earned. But he'll also criticize when criticism is deserved. And he's not concerned about dwelling too much on negatives. It's the way players, and by extension teams, get better.

Consider the Texas game, in which Nebraska's tackling left much to be desired.

"If you're a coach and worth your salt and you're going to do what you preach, you have to dwell on what you did wrong," Pelini said. "Whether you win or lose, you can't change that. You can't change the result. But whether we won that game or lost that game, we were poor tacklers. If we would have won the game, we still would have dwelled on that. So that's just the approach we have to take."

In case you've forgotten, the Huskers missed 28 tackles against Texas.



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BACK TO BACK

Running back Roy Helu, Jr. was named the Walter Camp Football Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 307 yards and three touchdowns against Missouri. The week before, quarterback Taylor Martinez won the same award for his play against Oklahoma State.

Helu's 307 rushing yards were the most by a player in the NCAA FBS this season. There have been only 85 rushing performances of 300 or more yards in FBS history.

The senior from Danville, Calif., also was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Martinez shared that award after the Oklahoma State game.



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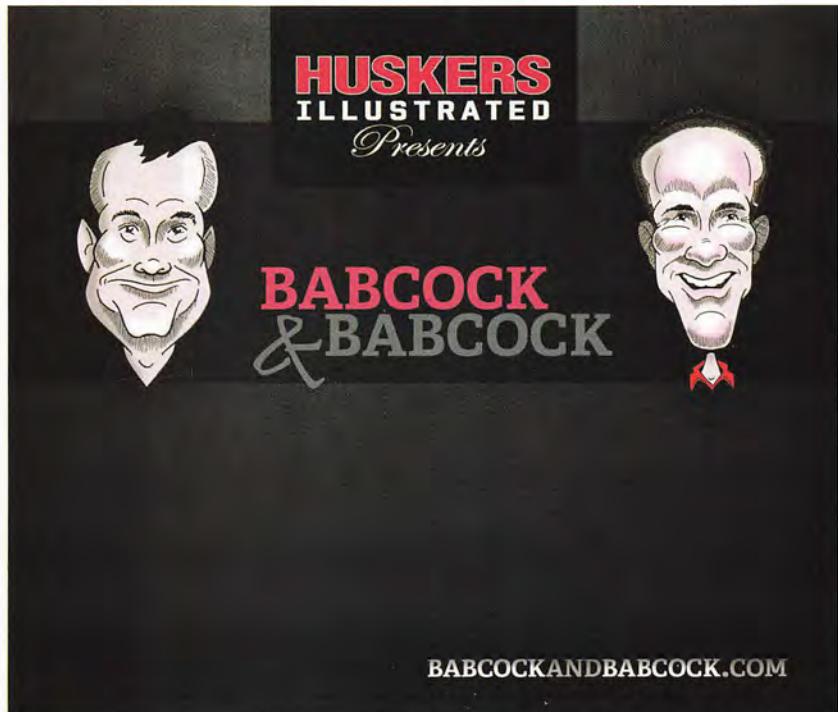
Nothing's Changed

Senior cornerback Prince Amukamara has been projected as a first-round NFL draft pick and that hasn't changed, despite the challenge of dealing with Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon.

"When you play the way Prince does and you're aggressive and attack, there isn't a corner that's ever played, and I was around Deion (Sanders) and I was around some great corners in the NFL, but they all get beat. There's no one that's invincible," said coach Bo Pelini, who was an assistant secondary coach

with the San Francisco 49ers (1994-96). "Prince is the same guy. He's a heck of a corner."

"I wouldn't trade our corners for anyone in the country. But he's going to get beat sometimes. He's going to give up some plays every now and then. It's been remarkable the type of football he has played, and how few times he's given up plays, especially with all the times we put him in man-coverage situations. The guy's a heck of a football player."



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Elm Creek



THE DAY WAS Jan. 27, Derek Foster remembers because it was his birthday. And he couldn't have received a better present. That's when it became official; he could walk on.

"It was a clear-cut thing for me," said the freshman defensive back. "It's kind of what I wanted ever since I started playing football. That was kind of one of my goals. Once they asked me, there was no question. I kind of snapped right away and said, 'Yeah!'"

"It was a huge deal (in Elm Creek), and it was a huge deal for me," he said.

The locals knew Foster could play football. He was a Class C-2 all-state selection as a running back and defensive back. But the question was whether he could make the transition to Nebraska.

"It's kind of going from maybe 25 to 35 guys on my team to 150 guys on my team and going from guys that are playing football to maybe fit in and be cool to guys who are playing football because they love the game, and obviously, trying to pursue the game to the next level," Foster said.

He was so determined to come to Nebraska that he considered transferring to Kearney High, about a 30-mile daily commute, in order "to get noticed more," he said. "I was just hoping I'd get noticed."

Foster plays on the scout team in practice and, like all redshirts, doesn't get to suit up for home games, though he's on the sideline and gets to follow the team out for the Tunnel Walk.

He feels "a little pressure" to represent Elm Creek. "I've had great support from the community," said Foster. "Anything they see me do, they see me on TV during Saturday game day, I get 50,000 text messages when I get back in the locker room: 'Hey, I saw you.' They're watching."

"They're keeping tabs on me a little bit, which is a good feeling."

Like the way he felt in January, on his birthday.

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► The name was originally one word, Elm Creek. The village was incorporated on Jan. 12, 1887.

► Elm Creek is home to Chevyland U.S.A. It includes a large collection of vintage Chevrolets, from 1914 to 1975.

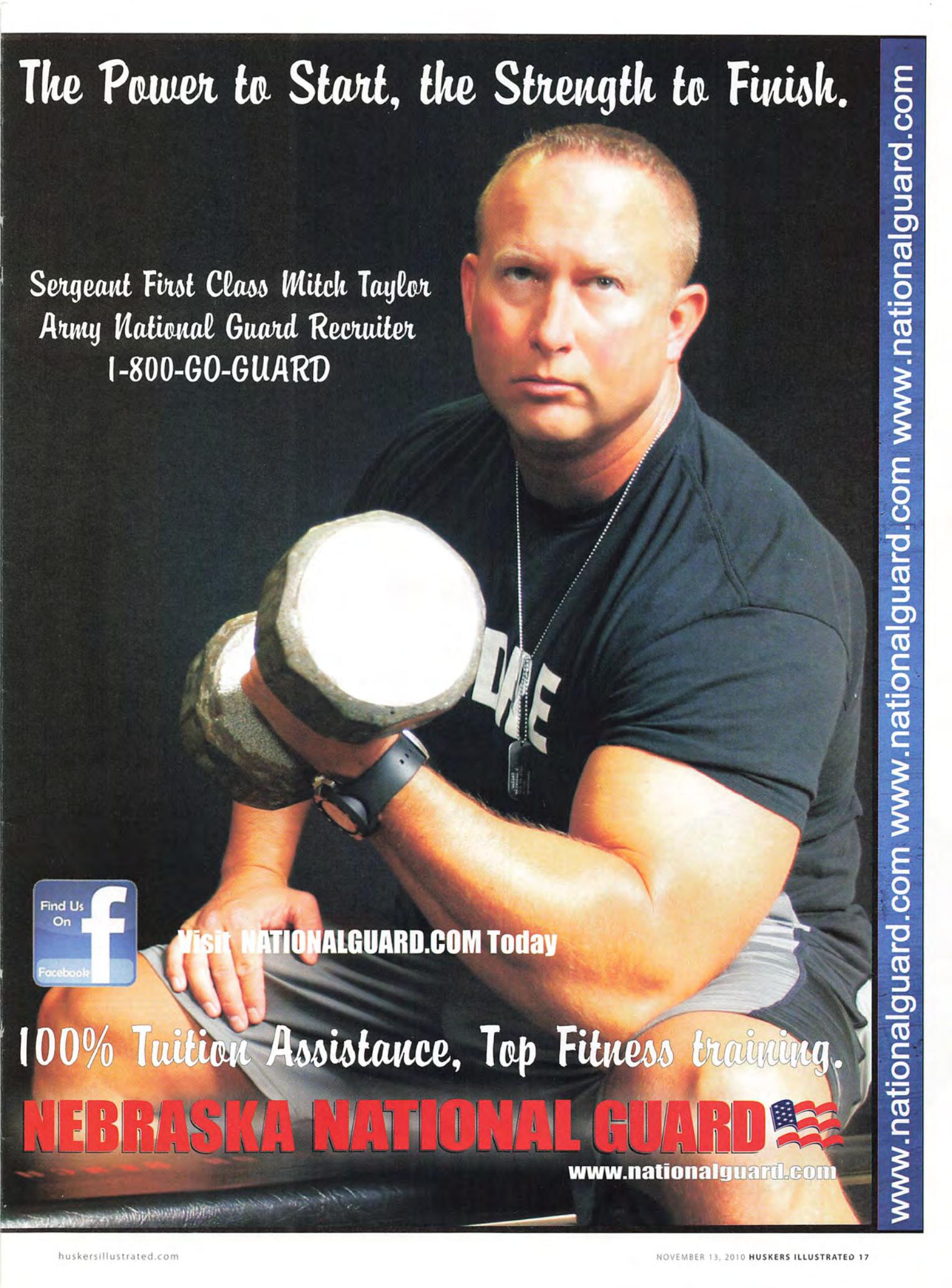
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Sat, Sept. 18	at Washington	Husky Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Sept. 25	South Dakota State	Memorial Stadium	6:00 pm
Thur, Oct. 7	at Kansas State	Snyder Stadium	6:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 16	Texas	Memorial Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 23	at Oklahoma State	Pickens Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 30	Missouri	Memorial Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Nov. 6	at Iowa State	Trice Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Nov. 13	Kansas	Memorial Stadium	TBA
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NEBRASKA'S ENTRANCE

into the Big Ten Conference next season likely comes with a ready-made rivalry as the Cornhuskers will resume a regular series with Iowa.

Despite sharing a border, Nebraska and Iowa have met sparingly on the gridiron in recent years. The Huskers and Hawkeyes have squared off just six times since 1946 and haven't played since 2000.

Nebraska leads the all-time series between the schools 26-12-3 with the Huskers owning a three-game winning streak in the series. NU will play host to Iowa for the first time as a conference opponent on Nov. 26, 2011, in the regular-season finale.

Iowa has produced 20 consensus All-Americans, 11 conference titles, one claimed national title and one Heisman Trophy winner in Nile Kinnick (1939). The Hawkeyes are 13-10-1 in bowl games, winning seven of their last 11 post-season appearances, including two straight victories.

In 1958, Iowa finished the regular season ranked No. 2 behind 11-0 LSU in the final Associated Press poll, which was tabulated prior to the bowl games at that time. But after the Hawkeyes throttled California 38-12 in the Rose Bowl, the Football Writers Association of America presented its national title to Iowa.

DON'T MISS

The University of Iowa is located in Iowa City, Iowa, which is a 302-mile drive from Lincoln — the shortest Big Ten road trip for Nebraska.

The Hawkeyes play home games in Kinnick Stadium, which opened in 1929. The facility features a FieldTurf playing surface and is the sixth-largest stadium in the current configuration of the Big Ten.

Kinnick Stadium was built in just seven months with construction crews working around the clock. Interestingly, the stadium doesn't have lights and the university rents portable light trucks for night games.

In a tradition started by former coach Hayden Fry, the visitor's locker room is painted pink to allegedly put opponents in a passive mindset.



HEAD COACH

Resume: Resume: Coach Kirk Ferentz is Iowa's highest-paid state employee with an annual salary of \$3.65 million, not including bonuses. Since taking over in 1999, Ferentz's record was 87-56 through his first eight games of 2010. He has led the Hawkeyes to eight bowl games in the past nine seasons.

NAMES TO KNOW

HAYDEN FRY: Hired to coach Iowa after it had endured 17 consecutive non-winning seasons, the 2003 College Football Hall of Fame inductee guided the Hawkeyes to a 143-89-6 record and three Big Ten titles in his 20 seasons.

NILE KINNICK: (Left) The winner of the 1939 Heisman Trophy, Kinnick, a graduate of Omaha (Neb.) Benson High School, died at the age of 24 during a training flight while serving as a Navy pilot in World War II. Iowa's stadium is named in his honor.

CAL JONES: (Right) The first African-American to win the Outland Trophy (1955) and along with Kinnick the only Iowa players to have their jersey numbers retired. Like Kinnick, Jones died in a plane crash in his early 20s.

ALEX KARRAS: Won the 1957 Outland Trophy and was a first-round draft choice by the NFL's Detroit Lions, earning four Pro-Bowl selections. After football, Karras was a professional wrestler and starred on the ABC sitcom "Webster." As Mongo in the movie "Blazing Saddles" he punched a horse.

LARRY STATION: (Middle) A two-time All-America linebacker, Station is Iowa's career leader in tackles, pacing his team in stops all four seasons. The Omaha native helped the Hawkeyes win their first outright Big Ten title in 27 years in 1985.



STATE OF THE HUSKERS

BY CURT MCKEEVER

Beebe opens Pandora's Box with suspension

BEING THE FIRST Big 12 Conference player to be suspended for a game as the result of a post-contest review that determined his helmet-to-helmet tackle was flagrant was tough on Eric Martin.

But if the Nebraska linebacker-special teams force gets in a similar situation again, it'll be hard for him to react any differently.

"I've kind of made my name as an aggressive person and that's just something I like to do," Martin said two days after he sat out the Huskers' 31-17 win against Missouri. "For them to make an example of me, it was heartbreaking. I don't even know how to explain it, but I'm still going to continue playing the way I do. I can't lose that. That's just something that's always going to be there for me."

Martin's case – and another involving Nebraska safety Courtney Osborne's hit on Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert – serve as prime examples of how people can watch similar scenes, or even the same one, and come to different conclusions.

Martin was suspended for laying out Andrew Hudson while blocking on Niles Paul's 100-yard kickoff return against the Cowboys.

Though no penalty was called, an NCAA rule implemented last year gives conferences authority to review questionable plays and impose sanctions.

Four days after the game, Big 12

Commissioner Dan Beebe ruled that Martin "committed a flagrant act of targeting an opponent with the crown of his helmet."

On the play, Martin's right shoulder appears to make initial contact in Hudson's upper-chest area. Then, Martin's head naturally followed into Hudson's.

In the end, Martin's case could have been affected by: 1) his flexing after the hit; 2) the fact that the NFL has made helmet-to-helmet contact a hot topic; and 3) the heavy criticism he drew from ABC color analyst Ed Cunningham.

But in suspending Martin, Beebe may have opened a Pandora's box. Coaches will no doubt ask for reviews of more questionable hits, so will Beebe have to suspend players based on the precedent he set with Martin?

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel definitely wanted to know what the Big 12 thought of Osborne's lick on his quarterback.

On that one, Osborne came free on a blitz before he leveled Gabbert. Like Martin's hit, there was helmet-to-helmet contact, but Gabbert appeared to duck his head just before impact, and officials saw nothing wrong with the play.

"This isn't, 'Hey, it should have been called.' Because it wasn't. Nothing's going to change that," Pinkel told reporters at his weekly news conference

following the Nebraska game. "What's

very important for us is teaching our players, our defensive players and everybody, how they're going to call it and how they're going to interpret it."

Nebraska Coach Bo Pelini saw nothing wrong with Osborne's tackle, but empathizes with officials who have to make determinations on bang-bang collisions of that kind.

"It's not realistic (to think you can come within a couple inches from making a legal or illegal tackle) – especially because surfaces change and people duck and so many things happen so fast," said Pelini, who played safety at Ohio State. "I think officials try to do a good job of talking about intent, (but) every situation is a bit different and it has gotten to the point where it is hard for officials to call it...It's hard to coach."

Certainly, game officials don't see everything, but rarely are they targeted for missing a blatantly illegal hit.

To allow the ones that fit a grayer area to be reviewed post-game invites questions in standards.

"...I don't think (the game) has become more violent," Pelini said. "The ESPN's of the world, and the media, is so much more in the spotlight that they forget this has been happening in football for a long time."

Added Martin, "They're just taking the football out of football. It's a contact sport. You're out there and you know something's bound to happen." **N**

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Ciante Evans

Freshman Steps Up the Plate in NU's Biggest Game

**FOR CIANTE EVANS,
THE BUTTERFLIES
WERE FLYING MOST**

when he found himself playing in the first half of Nebraska's biggest game of the season thus far – a 31-17 victory over Missouri.

"I was nervous the whole game," said Evans, a true freshman from Arlington, Texas.

Evans entered in place of junior Alfonzo Dennard, who'd suffered a concussion, and played the rest of the game, save for one play. Evans left the game momentarily when he landed awkwardly after his pass breakup and near-interception of Blaine Gabbert in the end zone.

"I landed on my elbow and my arm went numb," said Evans, who also had four tackles, including a key stop of Gabbert at the goal line.

"I'm just proud overall, not just because I had big plays but just because I did little things. The little things helped lead up

to the big plays, and I'm glad I did the little things first."

Evans credited Dennard and senior cornerback Prince Amukamara for setting good examples in practice.

"I just learn how hard they go. They don't take nothing for granted," he said.

"Whether we're playing scout teams or we're playing ones, they're going to dominate in everything they try to do, and that's what I try to do. I try to learn. Don't take plays off because you don't know; that one play you take off could be a 60-yard bomb, or a 60-yard interception return."



1

HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED Did you emulate any player when you were growing up?

CIANTE EVANS Charles Woodson has always been my favorite corner, since I've been growing up, so I used to just try to picture what he would do and watch film of him. Just the way he carries himself, his enthusiasm on and off the field.

2

HI What's your favorite meal?

EVANS I probably like et tu fe. My mom used to make it when I was at home with her.



It's like rice and shrimp and chicken broth and all vegetables mixed inside.

3

HI What's the best Halloween costume you saw this year?

EVANS Probably the kissing booth. Prince (Amukamara) was a kissing booth.

4

HI What's your major at Nebraska and future plans?

EVANS I plan to major in business, preferably accounting, but I'd really like to go into business.

5

HI If you were in charge of college football for a day, what rule change would you implement?

EVANS I don't like the helmet-to-helmet because sometimes it's not even intended. It's just an accident. Just to suspend somebody for an accident, I don't really like that.





by Terry Douglass

TURNING
POINT

Hagg's Heroics

EVEN THOUGH SEVERAL

members of Nebraska's coaching staff suspected Iowa State might reach into its bag of tricks in overtime, it still took a split-second play by Cornhuskers' defensive back Eric Hagg to save the day against the Cyclones.

After cutting Nebraska's lead to 31-30 in OT, Iowa State lined up for what appeared to be a tying PAT kick attempt. However, the Cyclones went for the win as holder Daniel Kuehl lofted a pass to tight end Collin Franklin in the end zone.

The pass looked like it had a chance – until Hagg seemingly came flying out of nowhere to make a game-saving interception. The senior's heroics left Nebraska with a one-point overtime victory and kept the Huskers in the driver's seat in the Big 12 Conference's North Division title race.

Although Carl Pelini was screaming to his players to watch for the fake on the would-be PAT attempt, the Nebraska defensive coordinator said he suffered through a few terrifying seconds.

"Everything is crazy and you don't know if they're hearing you," Pelini said. "From where

I was, all I saw was (Franklin) standing in the end zone wide open and the ball floating there. Hagg just came out of nowhere, so what a relief, right?"

Then again, Pelini said Hagg making a big play comes as no surprise.

"He's always there when you need him," Pelini said.

Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini said that's exactly why the Huskers have Hagg "centered up over the ball" on their PAT and field-goal block teams.

"He's kind of our eraser guy who goes both ways," Bo Pelini said. "That's why we put him there because he's smart, instinctive and athletic."

Bo Pelini described the decision by Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads to go for two points and the win as "gusty." Carl Pelini said he was suspicious a fake was coming because the Cyclones had played fairly conservatively up to that point.

"Coach Rhoads does a great job with special teams – you see a fake in every game (and) trick plays and everything," Carl Pelini said. "We hadn't seen one yet to that point, so I just had a feeling." **N**

by Terry Douglass

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GameNotes



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“Wildcat” Returns

Absent from Nebraska’s offensive arsenal since last year’s Holiday Bowl victory over Arizona, the Cornhuskers’ version of the “Wildcat” made its return during a 31-30 overtime win at Iowa State.

As was the case last year in San Diego, Nebraska’s Wildcat featured I-back Rex Burkhead taking a shotgun snap and making the read to either hand off to fellow I-back Roy Helu Jr. or take off on the keeper. Burkhead flourished in the role against the Cyclones, rushing a career-high 20 times for 129 yards and two touchdowns.

While offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said the Huskers have been practicing the Wildcat all season, Nebraska’s uncertainty at the quarterback decision due to injuries prompted him to give the Wildcat its 2010 debut. With starting quarterback Taylor Martinez

and backup Zac Lee both limited by injuries, Watson said he wanted to have a contingency plan that would help take pressure off sophomore quarterback Cody Green, who made his third career start.

“We didn’t know how much and how fast Taylor would come back and where our situation would be, honestly, until game time,” Watson said. “We had a contingency plan in place that we were able to practice it all week. (Burkhead) was really huge in our plans today.

“Even if we would’ve had Taylor and chose to play him, (Burkhead) would’ve been big because he would’ve had to have taken the other part of the load that Taylor usually manages with the run game.”

Burkhead had a season-long 29-yard run and rushed six times for 52 yards during Nebraska’s 12-play, 79-yard TD

drive to open the scoring early in the second quarter.

Seeing Nebraska use the Wildcat extensively against ISU came as no surprise to Burkhead.

“That was in the game plan and we had some success early on with it, so we just kept doing it,” Burkhead said. “It kind of took some hits off the quarterback as well.”

GOING GREEN

Unlike last season when he made starts against Baylor and Oklahoma, Nebraska’s Cody Green said he was more at ease when he learned early in the week that he’d likely get the starting nod at Iowa State. The sophomore quarterback finished 7-of-12 passing for 79 yards with no interceptions and rushed nine times for 10 yards.

“I was more excited than nervous, just

GameNotes

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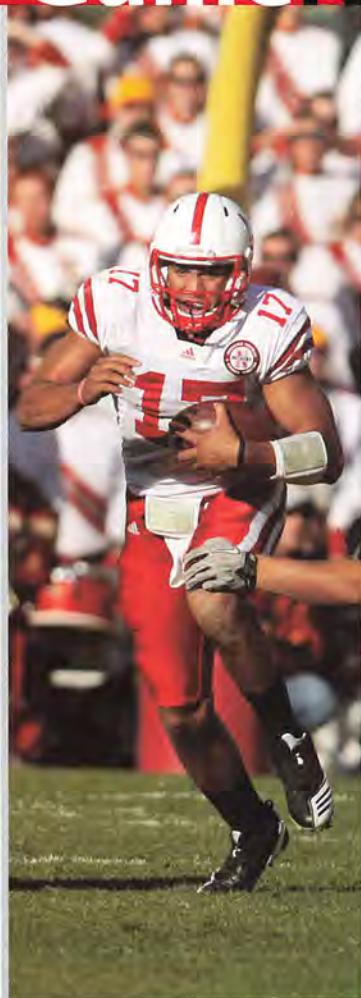


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With starting quarterback Taylor Martinez (ankle) a game-time decision and recent backup signal-caller Zac Lee limited by a hand injury, Nebraska entered its game at Iowa State with plenty of uncertainty at a key position.

Lee, who came on in relief of Lee in the games against Texas and Missouri, apparently hit his hand on a helmet against the Tigers and then repeated the injury in practice. Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said X-rays were negative and Lee's

hand was just swollen, but it wouldn't allow him to adequately throw the football.

Watson said he expects both Martinez and Lee to be back in the mix for Saturday's game against Kansas.

"Taylor could've played today, but if we didn't have to go that route, it was in his best interest and ours to have him ready for the weeks that follow," Watson said. "As the week progressed, he got better, so that was the encouraging thing. But yet, he still wasn't totally Taylor."

because it has been a while since I've been on the field," Green said. "I was excited just to be out there with the guys again."

Green was at his best on Nebraska's 11-play, 56-yard TD drive, culminated by Rex Burkhead's 2-yard scoring run to give the Huskers a 24-10 lead with 21 seconds left in the third quarter. He converted two third-down opportunities in the passing game to keep the march alive – a 10-yarder to Brandon Kinnie on third and 6 and a 29-yarder to Kyler Reed on third and 12.

"Cody did a great job," Burkhead said. "He was being a great leader in the huddle. He was really getting the plays in and out.

"I thought he was making quick decisions, whether it was a run play or a pass play, and I thought he managed the game really well."

JUST WIN, BABY!

Despite entering the contest as a 19-point favorite, Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said he had no complaints about his team's one-point overtime victory at Iowa State.

"I don't care how you win," Pelini said. "I don't care if you win 101 to 100. In the end, you've got to win the football game, you find a way and then the process goes on. You go back to work the next day."

"Every coach can tell you, part of being a champion is being good and the other part of it is being lucky and taking advantage of things," Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said. "Sometimes you've got to catch a break here and there."



WORTH NOTING

► Senior I-back Roy Helu Jr. rushed 22 times for 99 yards against Iowa State, becoming the sixth player in Nebraska history to surpass 3,000 career rushing yards. Helu now has 3,065 yards, ranking fifth on the program's career rushing list.

► Nebraska improved to 8-1 for the first time since 2001 and it marked the Huskers' eighth consecutive victory in the month of November, dating back to a Nov. 1, 2008 loss at Oklahoma. It also pushed NU's road winning streak to eight.

► The Huskers improved to 6-1 in overtime games. Nebraska started 5-0 in OT contests, including a 27-20 double-overtime victory against Iowa State in 2005, but had lost their previous OT game (37-31 at Texas Tech in 2008).

► Nebraska game captains included sophomore tight end Kyler Reed, sophomore tight end Ben Cotton, junior linebacker Will Compton and junior defensive tackle Terrence Moore.



AUSTIN CASSIDY CELEBRATES IN THE ENDZONE AFTER HIS 29-YARD INTERCEPTION RETURN IN THE THIRD QUARTER. PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHM

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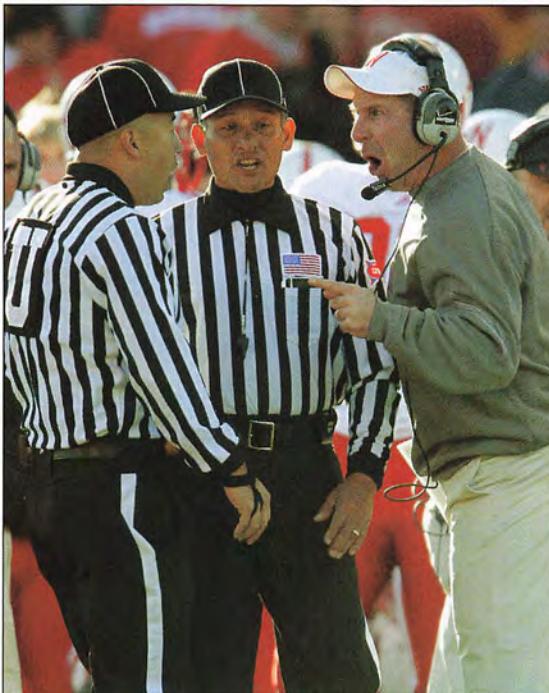
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Mike Caputo tries to shed a defender. Photo by Aaron Babcock. 2) Huskers Anthony West, Austin Cassidy and Prince Amukamara celebrate after Cassidy's touchdown. Photo by Aaron Babcock. 3) Defensive end Pierre Allen recovers a fumble. Photo by Scott Bruhn. 4) Bo Pelini yells at officials after the Huskers were charged with a fumble. Photo by Scott Bruhn. 5) Courtney Osborne and Prince Amukamara combine on a tackle. Photo by Scott Bruhn.



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

AUSTIN CASSIDY

Starting for the second time in as many weeks, and the only times in his career, the junior safety provided Nebraska with a psychological lift in its 31-30 overtime victory against Iowa State by intercepting a pass and returning it 29 yards for a go-ahead, third-quarter touchdown.

But his contribution went well beyond that. Cassidy also played on special teams, forced a fumble and was credited with a team-high 12 tackles. To put that in perspective, he had 14 tackles, total, in the first eight games. "I thought he played well," said coach Bo Pelini.

"I thought that interception was a huge play in the football game."

Cassidy was pummeled by teammates following the touchdown. "I think everyone was really excited," he said. "I think that might have helped with the momentum, but it was back and forth all day, so any time you can get the momentum on our side, that was huge today."

"Everyone was hugging me and throwing me around on the sideline. I got more tired on the sideline than I was out there. But it was really exciting."

Two days before the Iowa State game, Austin Cassidy was named to the Academic All-District 7 team, for the second year in a row. He has a 3.88 grade-point average with a psychology major.

Husker Report Card

RUSHING

Rex Burkhead in the Wildcat anyone? How about 6.4 yards per carry? None of his 129 yards were more important than those in overtime. Fumbles were an issue, however.

B+

PASSING

Cody Green was 5-of-8 for 61 yards in the second half, not exactly "Air Nebraska" but, as it turned out, sufficient under windy conditions.

B

RUSHING DEFENSE

Iowa State had some success, but the Cyclones' main man, Alexander Robinson, didn't manage 4 yards per carry.

A-

PASSING DEFENSE

Three Cyclone touchdowns came through the air, but Nebraska intercepted two passes, one for a touchdown and the other to preserve the victory. That's a decent trade-off.

B

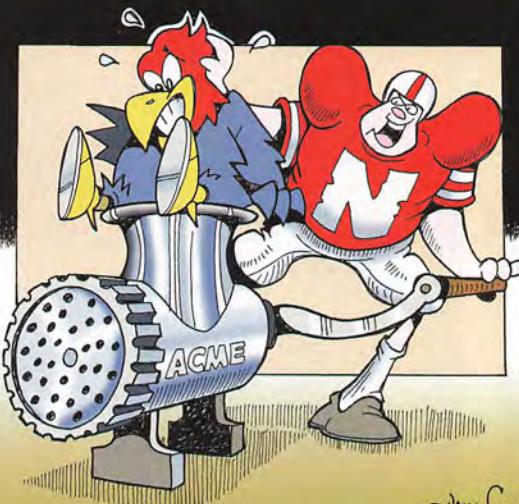
KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS

Punting into the wind half the game was a problem for both sides. A lost fumble on a kickoff return when the ball should have been downed in the end zone was a serious mistake. On the other hand, Eric Hagg's play on a fake extra-point kick in overtime decided the issue.

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(Season, Last Week)



Aaron Babcock
(50-22, 4-4)



Mike Babcock
(53-19, 4-4)



Terry Douglass
(54-18, 5-3)



Kevin Kugler
(50-22, 4-4)



Sean Callahan
(49-23, 3-5)



Matt Davison
(53-18, 4-4)

Kansas at Nebraska	NU 45-14	NU 45-10	NU 56-7	NU 56-7	NU 48-10	NU 45-9
Texas Tech at Oklahoma	OU 31-24	OU 38-21	OU 38-24	OU 48-17	OU 45-31	OU 31-17
Kansas State at Missouri	MU 27-24	MU 28-17	MU 40-20	MU 35-14	MU 27-23	MU 37-17
Texas A&M at Baylor	BU 31-30	BU 31-28	BU 33-27	BU 35-31	BU 44-40	BU 31-27
Oklahoma State at Texas	OSU 42-35	OSU 42-31	UT 35-31	OSU 41-28	OSU 38-23	OSU 37-34
Mississippi State at Alabama	ALA 28-10	ALA 21-13	ALA 27-14	ALA 35-20	ALA 31-13	ALA 33-13
South Carolina at Florida	FLA 35-30	FLA 28-24	FLA 28-24	USC 27-20	FLA 27-23	FLA 24-18
USC at Arizona	AZ 38-24	AZ 35-24	AZ 21-17	USC 31-28	AZ 41-31	AZ 34-31

GameStats

SUMMARY

SCORING

Nov. 6, 2010

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Attendance: 51,159

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
NEBRASKA	0	7	17	0	7	31
IOWA ST.	0	10	0	14	6	30

Second Quarter

NU	13:13 - Helu Jr., Roy 6 yd. run	NU	ISU
	12 plays, 79 yards, 5:36		
ISU	6:38 - Williams, Jake 13 yd. pass	7	7
	7 plays, 47 yards, 2:08		
ISU	0:55 - Mahoney, Grant 57 yd. field goal	7	10
	4 plays, 2 yards, 1:11		
	Third Quarter		
NU	9:25 - Henery, Alex 25 yd. field goal	10	10
	12 plays, 55 yards, 5:30		
NU	8:42 - Cassidy, Austin 29 yd. int. return	17	10
NU	0:21 - Burkhead, Rex 2 yd. run	24	10
	11 plays, 56 yards, 5:06		
	Fourth Quarter		
ISU	11:29 - Arnaud, Austen 1 yd run	24	17
	13 plays, 75 yards, 3:52		
ISU	10:40 - Robinson, Alexan 14 yd rec	24	24
	3 plays, 13 yards, 0:44		
	Overtime		
NU	Burkhead, Rex 19 yd run	31	24
ISU	Williams, Jake 9 yd reception	31	30

TEAM STATS

	NU	ISU
Total First Downs		
Rushing	15	24
Passing	9	10
Penalty	6	12
Rushing Attempts	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing	52	48
Yards Lost Rushing	250	183
Net Yards Rushing	15	26
Net Yards Passing	235	157
Net Yards Passing	79	203
Passes Attempted	12	32
Passes Completed	7	21
Had Intercepted	0	2
Percent Completion	58.3%	65.6%
Yards per Attempt	6.6	6.3
Yards per Completion	11.3	9.7
Total Offensive Plays	64	80
Total Net Yards	314	360
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.9	4.5
Fumbles: No-Lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties: No-Yards	6-54	3-40
Punts: No-Yards	6-235	3-128
Avg. Per Punt	39.2	42.7
Avg. Net Punt	34.2	36.0
Punt Returns: No-Yards	0-0	1-10
Kickoff Returns: No-Yards	3-56	2-44
Interception Returns: No-Yards	2-29	0-0
Fumble Returns: No-Yards	0-0	0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:15	30:45
Third-Down Conversions	7-14	7-15
Percentage	50.0%	46.7%
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Percentage	0%	0%
Sacks By: No-Yards	2-10	1-3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NEBRASKA

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Burkhead	20	130	1	129	6.4	2	29
Helu Jr.	22	101	2	99	4.5	1	9
Green	9	19	9	10	1.1	0	6
TEAM	1	0	3	-3	-3	0	0
TOTAL	52	250	15	235	4.5	3	29

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Green	12	7	58.3	0	79	0	29

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Reed	3	52	0	29
Kinnie	3	22	0	10
Paul	1	5	0	5
TOTAL	7	79	0	29

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Paul	2	40	0	27
Marlowe	1	16	0	16
TOTAL	3	56	0	27

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
None	--	--	--	--

INT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Cassidy	1	29	1	29
Hagg	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	29	1	29

PUNTING	NO	AVG	LG	50+	IN20
Henery	6	39.2	69	1	1

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
Henery	1	1	25	0

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TT	TFL	SAC	PD	FF	FR
Cassidy	7	5	12	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Meredith	9	1	10	2-2	1-1	0	0	0
David	8	2	10	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Amukamura	5	2	7	1-9	1-9	0	0	0
Osborne	5	2	7	2-4	0-0	0	0	0
Allen	2	5	7	2-2	0-0	0	0	1
Gomes	4	2	6	2-4	0-0	2	0	0
Crick	4	0	4	1-1	0-0	0	1	0
Thorell	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Williams	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Steinkuler	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hagg	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
West	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Evans	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Moravec	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Stoddard	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Martin	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Moore	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

IOWA STATE

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Robinson	32	114	13	101	3.2	0	15
Arnaud	13	64	1	63	4.8	1	14
Woody	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5
TEAM	1	0	3	-3	-3	0	0
Reynolds	1	0	9	-9	-9	0	0
TOTAL	48	183	26	157	3.3	1	15

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Arnaud	32	21	65.6	2	203	3	31
Reynolds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	21	65.6	2	203	3	31

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Williams	5	46	2	13
Darks	5	44	0	17
Robinson	4	29	1	14
Franklin	3	28	0	14
Reynolds	3	25	0	12
Lenz	1	31	0	31
TOTAL	21	203	3	31

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Johnson	1	25	0	25
Sims	1	19	0	19
TOTAL	2	44	0	44

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Lenz	1	10	0	10

PUNTING	NO	AVG	LG	50+	IN20
VanDerKamp	3	42.7	52	1	2

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
Mahoney	1	3	57	0
Sims	8	5	13	0-0
Knott	7	4	11	1-1
O'Connell	1	7	8	0-0
Lattimer	5	2	7	2-8
Klein	4	2	6	0-0
Reeves	2	2	4	0-0
Sandvig	1	3	4	0-0
Maggitt	2	1	3	0-0
Benton	2	1	3	1-2
Parker	2	1	3	0-0
Johnson	1	2	3	0-0
Ruemphamer	1	1	2	0-0
Broomfield	1	1	2	0-0
Neal	1	0	1	0-0
Johnson	1	0	1	0-0
Morton	1	0	1	0-0
Zimmerman	0	1	1	0-0
McDonough	0	1	1	0-0
Laing	0	1	1	0-0
Tau'fo'ou	0	1	1	0-0



Kansas Jayhawks

Jayhawks reeling from injuries, poor play under former Husker Turner Gill | JERRY TRICKIE

Kansas ranks 112th in the country in scoring offense (16.1 ppg) as injuries and inconsistent play have plagued the Jayhawks this

fall, although freshman James Sims has been a bright spot, ranking 10th in the league in rushing with 62.1 ypg. The KU

defense allowed 46.8 ppg in October and ranks 100th nationally in scoring defense and 112th in rushing defense.



HEAD COACH

Resume: Coach Turner Gill is just 2-6 in his first year with the Jayhawks and owns a 22-36 record in six seasons as a head coach. In five years at Buffalo, he guided the Bulls to their first-ever bowl game with an 8-6 record in 2008.

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D.J. Beshears, So., WR: Beshears is 17th nationally in kickoff returns (27.8 ypr) and ranks in KU's top three for rushing yards and TDs.



Daymond Patterson, Jr., WR: A converted cornerback, Patterson is the Jayhawks' top receiver with 5.5 receptions per contest (39th nationally) while adding 42.2 ypg.



Justin Springer, Sr., MLB: Springer is second on the squad with 61 total tackles, including 27 solo stops, and has a team-high six TFLs.

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	North Dakota State, L, 3-6
9/11	Georgia Tech, W, 28-25
9/17	at Southern Miss, L, 16-31
9/25	New Mexico State, W, 42-16
10/2	at Baylor, L, 7-55
10/14	Kansas State, L, 7-59
10/23	Texas A&M, L, 10-45
10/30	at Iowa State, L, 16-28
11/6	Colorado, 1:00 p.m.
11/13	at Nebraska, TBA
11/20	Oklahoma State, TBA
11/27	vs. Missouri (at KC), 11:30 a.m.

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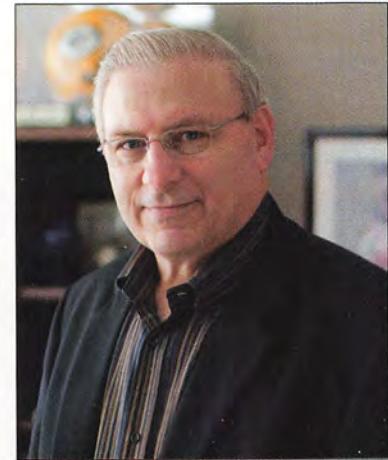
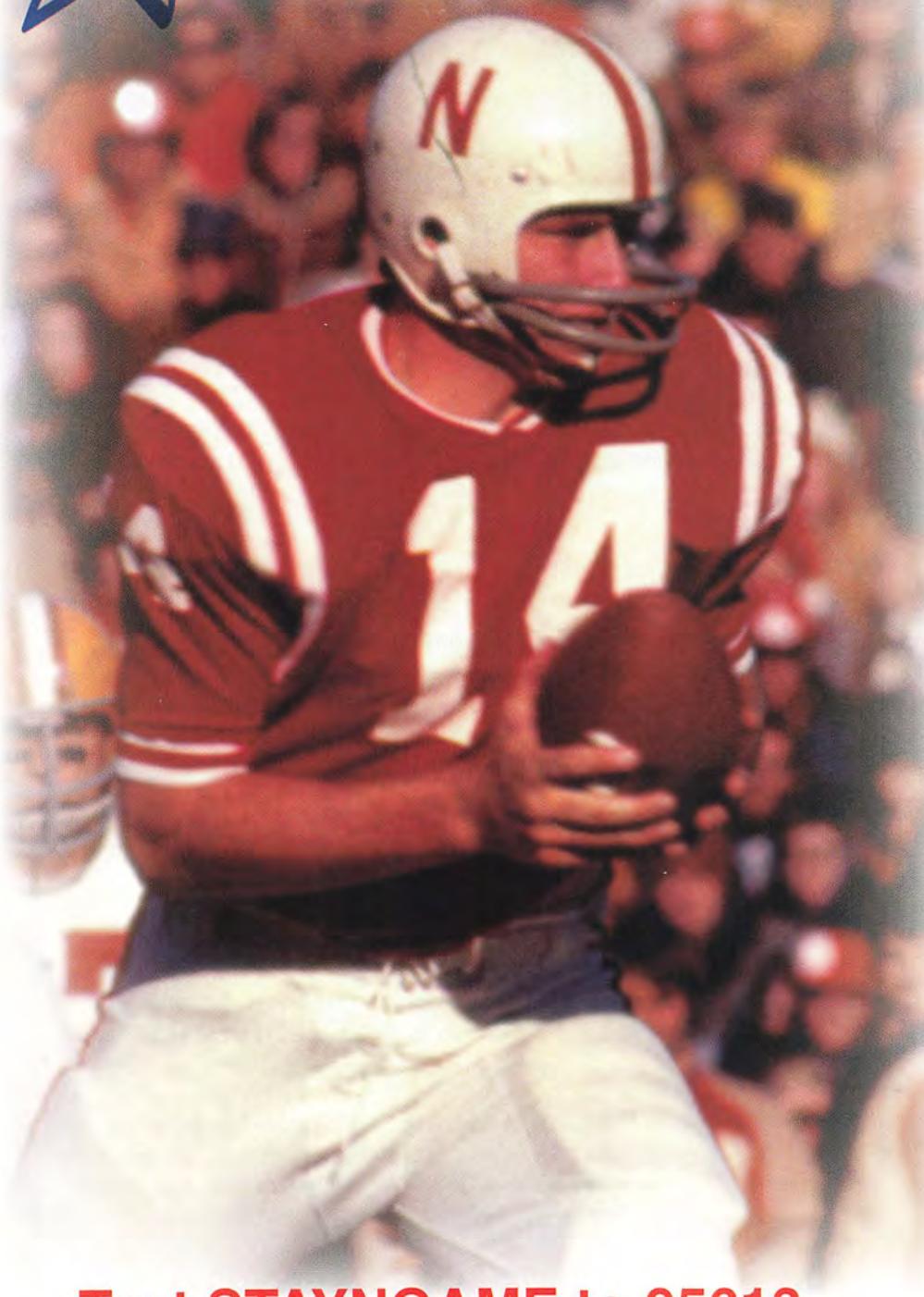


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CATCHING UP WITH

Jeff Smith

WICHITA NATIVE COMING TO LINCOLN TO SEE RARE BATTLE

Jeff Smith admits this is a weird week for him. The former Nebraska I-back, a key cog in perhaps the Huskers' most debated bowl game ever, is returning to Lincoln to see his alma mater play a Kansas team headed by Turner Gill, his close friend and former teammate.

Gill has a new nickname for Smith. "He called me his good-luck charm because I was in Lawrence when KU upset Georgia Tech," Smith said, admitting people in Wichita can't believe he would drive up to see KU-Nebraska in Lincoln.

"I missed the Texas game and decided this was my best chance to see Nebraska this year," Smith said. "I love Turner, but I'm not crazy. I'll be supporting Nebraska."

And coming to Lincoln to see his 21-year-old daughter, Jade, who works in a Lincoln hospital.

Smith, 48, has been a Kansas state

probation officer for 18 years in his native Wichita. "I came back to my roots after four years in the NFL (two with Kansas City and two with Tampa Bay)," he said. "Wichita is home to me, but Lincoln is still my football home."

A 2004 Nebraska football Hall of Fame inductee, Smith lives and works quietly, just like he played.

As a sophomore, he averaged 10 yards a carry (569 yards on only 56 carries) backing up Mike Rozier and Roger Craig. As a junior, he came off the bench to rush for 99 yards on nine carries after Rozier sprained his ankle late in the third quarter of Nebraska's 31-30 Orange Bowl loss to Miami.

You may recall how Nebraska disdained kicking an extra point to tie the Hurricanes and back into a national

championship as the nation's only unbeaten team. The Huskers instead chose to go for two, but Gill's pass was inches behind Smith in the end zone.

"It was the same play we had practiced all week, and it worked really well all week long," Smith said. "But there's no way you can simulate game speed, so the DB got a finger on the ball and it brushed my back shoulder pad."

Smith led the nation in rushing the first three weeks of his 1984 senior season, but he sprained his ankle against UCLA and never fully recovered. Still, he became a consensus All-Big Eight choice and led the conference in all-purpose yardage.

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"Nebraska was the right choice for me," said Smith, who selected the Huskers over offers from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and UCLA.

by Randy York

IN THE RedZone

PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK



Credit where credit is due

After rushing for a school single-game record 307 yards and three touchdowns against Missouri, Roy Helu, Jr. was quick to credit those around him.

"I couldn't explain how much I feel for my linemen and fullback, Tyler Legate," Helu said. "They deserve as much credit as I do, just down the line, even with our guys who rotate with the offensive line. I know easily we could focus on the

record and the individual. But it's a team sport."

That's typical of Helu, according to Legate.

"He doesn't like to bring a lot of attention on himself," said Legate, a junior fullback. "He obviously had a line blocking for him, tight ends and receivers, (and) the quarterback had to make the read. It takes, like, all 11 guys to do it. He kind of wants to share the glory, too."

Helu ran into the Husker record book against Missouri, and not just for single-game rushing. In addition to his 28 carries, he also caught a pass for a 14-yard gain to break the single-game record for all-purpose yards (rushing, receiving and returns), also held by Calvin Jones.

Niles Paul also earned a place in the top 10 this season against Oklahoma State.

SINGLE-GAME ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Roy Helu, Jr., IB, Missouri, 2010 (29)	321
Calvin Jones, IB, at Kansas, 1991 (28)	298
Rick Berns, IB, Missouri, 1978 (39)	289
Mike Rozier, IB, Kansas, 1983 (32)	285
I.M. Hipp, IB, Indiana, 1977 (29)	284
Niles Paul, WR, Oklahoma State, 2010 (12)	274
Marlon Lucky, IB, Nevada, 2007 (33)	266
Johnny Rodgers, WB, Colorado, 1972 (16)	266
Ken Clark, IB, Oklahoma State, 1988 (27)	256
Tyrone Hughes, WB, at Kansas State, 1990 (11)	251
Keith Jones, IB, at Colorado, 1987 (16)	251
Rozier, IB, Oklahoma State, 1982 (33)	251

With his touchdown runs of 66, 73 and 53 yards against Missouri, Helu had 10 career runs of 50 yards or more, including seven for touchdowns. Through the Missouri game, he was averaging 6.03 yards per carry for his career, 12th best in school history among those with at least 300 carries.

CAREER YARDS-PER-CARRY (MINIMUM 300 CARRIES)

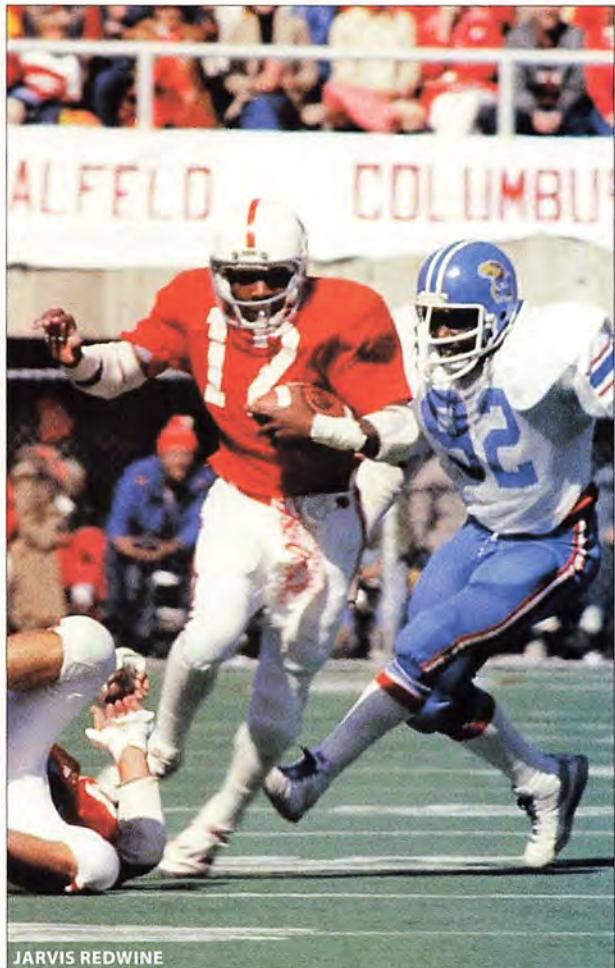
Mike Rozier (1981-82-83)	668-4,780	7.16
Jarvis Redwine (1979-80)	304-2161	7.11
Calvin Jones (1991-92-93)	461-3,153	6.84
Ahman Green (1995-96-97)	574-3,880	6.76
Jeff Smith (1980-82-83-84)	315-1,992	6.32
Keith Jones (1984-85-86-87)	398-2,488	6.25
Lawrence Phillips (1993-94-95)	449-2,777	6.18
Ken Clark (1987-88-89)	494-3,037	6.15
Correll Buckhalter (1997-98-99-00)	413-2,522	6.11
Dan Alexander (1997-98-99-00)	402-2,456	6.11
Doug DuBose (1982-84-85)	362-2,205	6.09

"He's pretty quick," Legate said of 6-foot, 220-pound Helu. "He's explosive, and he's got a lot of good side-to-side movement. When he's got that burst, you can definitely tell when he's...making one cut and going, that's when you know he's on his game. When he's kind of making more than one, that's when he's not. When he's making one cut and hitting it hard, that's when he's on."

Even then, however, he's sharing the attention with those around him.



CALVIN JONES



JARVIS REDWINE



Huskers nab another 4-star Texan

Charles Jackson, NU's fifth commit from Texas pledges days after watching win over Missouri

BY SEAN STEVENS



CHARLES JACKSON

The Missouri game was the second consecutive big-game environment for the Huskers to host official visitors. While the group on hand wasn't large in number, it was big on talent. Charles Jackson (5-11, 180) of Klein, Texas, is ranked by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 8 cornerback.

Jackson had narrowed his list of suitors to Nebraska and Arkansas, eliminating Oklahoma, Florida and Missouri. Having already visited Arkansas, Oct. 31 was Nebraska's chance to show its wares. Jackson came away impressed.

"The game was

awesome. It was a great atmosphere and a great game," he said. "I'd say it was a '9' going on a '10.' I enjoyed it more than I thought I would."

FAMILIAR FACE

Visiting with Jackson for the Missouri game was teammate and Husker linebacker commitment David Santos (6-0, 200). Santos leads his team in tackles and is the favorite to be the District 13-5A defensive player of the year.

Santos' younger brother Ryan (5-10, 175), a junior safety, also made the trip to Lincoln. The younger Santos trails only his older

brother for the leading tackler on their undefeated squad, and also had positive comments about the day.

"It went good," Ryan Santos said. "I liked the fans and the game-day atmosphere."

MORE JUNIORS

Additional juniors visiting unofficially during Missouri weekend included defensive end Greg McMullen (6-5, 255) of Akron, Ohio, and Pottsville, Ark., offensive lineman Jeremy Ward (6-4/260). McMullen listed Ohio State, Nebraska, Alabama, Oregon and Notre Dame as his top five, while Ward named Arkansas, NU, Alabama, Georgia and Ole Miss.

POTENTIAL TARGET?

Linebacker Antonio Poole (6-2, 210) of Cincinnati, Ohio, has double-digit scholarship offers, including from Michigan State and Louisville. Nebraska hasn't offered yet but may offer Rivals' No. 22-ranked outside linebacker prospect when he visits Lincoln in November.

COMMIT Q&A



AARYN BOUZOS

At a glance: La Mirada (Calif.) safety Aaryn Bouzos has been a Nebraska commit since May. Huskers Illustrated caught up with Bouzos for this week's commit spotlight.

SEAN CALLAHAN: What's the best part about living in the Los Angeles area?

BOUZOS: I'm a big beach guy. I love going down to the beach. Every now and again I go surfing and stuff. It's just a great environment.

CALLAHAN: How many times have you been to Disneyland in your lifetime?

BOUZOS: Oh man, I've been to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Six Flags plenty of times. I love going to all of them. Sometimes it's a summer thing for me to go, but sometimes we go just to have fun. A couple of weeks ago we went to Disneyland just for one of the Halloween specials they had there. I live about 15 minutes from Disneyland.

CALLAHAN: What's your favorite local California place you'd take a stranger to eat?

BOUZOS: One of my favorite places to go is In-N-Out Burger. That's one of the good ones. That's my favorite place. If somebody wanted to go get fast food and they were new to California, I'd take them to In-N-Out definitely.

CALLAHAN: How well can you surf?

BOUZOS: I'm not too good of a surfer. Me and my friends have been going out. We just go as much as we can and surf a little bit here and there. I would say I'm still in the process of learning. We usually go to the beach and we try to surf, and then we'll skimboard and boogie board. I'm probably better at skimboarding.

2011 Husker Commit List (16)

- *** **TAARIQ ALLEN**, WR, 6-3, 191, Weston, Mass. (Rivers)
- ** **AARYN BOUZOS**, DB, 5-11, 185, La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada)
- *** **DANIEL DAVIE**, DB, 6-0, 181, Beatrice, Neb.
- **** **AARON GREEN**, RB, 5-11, 191, San Antonio, Texas (James Madison)
- **** **CHARLES JACKSON**, CB, 5-11, 180, Klein, Texas (Klein Collins)
- **** **RYAN KLACHKO**, OL, 6-4, 287, Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
- **** **TEVIN MITCHEL**, DB, 6-0, 175, Mansfield, Texas (Legacy)
- **** **TYLER MOORE**, OL, 6-6, 290, Clearwater, Fla. (CountrySide)
- **** **RYNE REEVES**, OL, 6-3, 300, Crete, Neb. (Crete)
- ** **NIKLAS SADE**, K, 6-3, 190, Raleigh, NC (Wakefield)
- *** **DAVID SANTOS**, LB, 6-0, 193, Klein, Texas (Klein Collins)
- **** **DAIMION STAFFORD**, DB, 6-1, 210, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Chaffey CC)
- **** **BUBBA STARLING**, QB, 6-4, 193, Gardner, Kan. (Gardner Edgerton)
- **** **ZACH STERUP**, OL, 6-8, 260, Hastings, Neb. (St. Cecilia)
- **** **JAMAL TURNER**, QB, 6-1, 173, Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)
- *** **KEVIN WILLIAMS**, DT, 6-2, 275, Holland, Ohio (Springfield)

2011 Unofficial Offer List

Jonathan Aiken CB, 5-11, 185 Hollywood, Fla.	Todd Handley RB, 5-8, 165 Riverside, Calif.
Taariq Allen WR, 6-2, 186 Weston, Mass.	Christian Heyward DT, 6-2, 269 San Diego, Calif.
Darien Bryant TE, 6-4, 215 Pickerington, Ohio	Cyrus Hobbi OL, 6-4, 285 Scottsdale, Ariz.
Ray Drew DE, 6-5, 243 Thomasville, Ga.	Charles Jackson CB, 5-11, 180 Klein, Texas
Curt Evans WR, 6-0, 173 Hollywood, Fla.	Mickey Johnson DT, 6-1, 310 Covington, La.
Christian French Athlete, 6-6, 218 Cedar Rapids, IA	Lake Koa-Kaiai DE, 6-4, 250 Honolulu, Hawaii
Quentin Griffin DE, 6-3, 230 Rayville, La.	Keith Lewis LB, 6-0, 194 Lakeland, Fla.
Jalen Grimble DE, 6-4, 255 Las Vegas, Nev.	Wayne Lyons Safety, 6-0, 190 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

BY JOHN TALMAN
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Huskers nearing completion of 2011 class

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR.

The 2011 Nebraska recruiting class is approaching "full." For those wondering, that's probably in the neighborhood of 20-22 for this group.

As one can expect, the most common question this time of year, of course, is: Who's left?

So I thought I'd do a mid-to-late season review of recruiting.

The Huskers will lose two senior scholarship quarterbacks in Zac Lee and Latravis Washington. Both are replaced on this year's commitment list with star Texas quarterback Jamal Turner and the dual-sport star Bubba Starling. The position is filled, even with the strong possibility Starling ends up playing baseball professionally.

At running back, Nebraska needed one as long as 2010 signee Braylon Heard finally qualifies to arrive in January. The Huskers got their one for the 2011 class in top target Aaron Green.

The same could be said for wide receiver with Beatrice's Daniel Davie likely getting a look there (even though he's listed as an athlete) and Massachusetts sleeper Taariq Allen. The late addition of Stanley Jean-Baptiste in 2010 cushioned this spot to where Nebraska could just call it a day at this position.

Not getting Chase Harper at tight end for 2010 certainly added an interesting need with Dreu Young being a senior.

With Nebraska's offense, though, it will be interesting to see how the Huskers look at this position heading into the latter months of the recruiting cycle. Their most recently offered target, Darien Bryant, was just on campus for an official visit.

Along the offensive line, the Huskers lose four but already have that many on the commitment list with 4-star pledges. If Cyrus Hobbi chooses Nebraska, it could go down as the best O-line recruiting class in Husker history.

Then there is the defense.

Along the defensive line, the Huskers only lose one scholarship defensive end – Pierre Allen. They lose no defensive tackles and go further back in the front seven, they also don't lose a single scholarship linebacker after this season.

That leaves a lot of young depth, especially at defensive end where their oldest scholarship players are sophomores.

There is one defensive tackle commit in Kevin Williams and you could see one more. At defensive end, you'd expect they take one to two, minimum. Right now, that is the position that probably has the most question marks as to who it could be. A good place to keep an eye on is Honolulu defender Lake Koa-Ka'ai and California star DeVante Wilson. Both recently visited and have the Huskers among their top choices.

At linebacker, even though they don't

lose any, there is already one commit in David Santos who is up for district defensive player of the year in a tough Houston district. It appears a second will definitely be on the list, but the options are endless. Florida star Keith Lewis has received immense attention for a long time from the Husker staff. Fellow Sunshine State star Keeon Virgile is also likely to be an option, though he won't take any visits until his season is over.

Then there is the secondary.

The commitment of Charles Jackson, along with Tevin Mitchel, that should seal up the corner need considering "safety" commit Aaryn Bouzos and Davie could be in the defensive backfield as well. The same goes for safety. While Bouzos could fit there, the big name is JUCO hard-hitting safety Daimion Stafford who is already on the commitment list.

Last but not least, the Huskers needed a kicker with two scholarship seniors leaving and one being kicking and punting specialist Alex Henery. They filled that need offering and accepting a commitment from one of the country's best prospects – Niklas Sade from Raleigh, N.C.

So where does that leave things? As you can see things are fluid, but the picture is starting to clear. The next five to seven commitments should be very interesting on our march to Signing Day. **N**

Mueller providing steady defense

Despite lower offensive numbers, senior has proved valuable in service, passing

BY BOB HAMAR



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

TARA MUELLER'S .194 HITTING PERCENTAGE DOESN'T MATCH UP WITH THE .258 SHE PRODUCED TWO YEARS AGO AS A SOPHOMORE.

Nebraska coach John Cook would like to see the senior outside hitter bring that percentage up a bit, but there are other areas of the game where Mueller has excelled.

"Tara has done a great job with the serving-passing game," Cook said. "She's actually developed into a really good blocker. It's the attack part that has

been inconsistent, trying to eliminate what we call 'bonehead errors.'

Those "bonehead errors" are bound to happen at times when you're an outside hitter because often times the outside hitter is getting out-of-system sets and trying to make the best out of a bad situation.

"I think for me

personally, it's about me, it's about trusting my shots and trusting my training and being smart," Mueller said. "Taking things when they are there, taking the right shot when I don't have a big swing and keeping it in play. For me, it's playing smarter up at the net."

Mueller said if her attacking isn't going well, she concentrates on getting the ball to the setters.

"I think that for me, if I'm struggling hitting I'm really going to focus on giving Sydney (Anderson) or Lauren (Cook) the perfect pass so somebody else can put a ball away," Mueller said. "Serving and passing are the most important things in the game, so I think that if we all attack with our serves and pass well, we really can't be stopped."

John Cook had been alternating outside hitters Hannah Werth, Gina Mancuso and Mueller through the first half of the season. Now as the regular season winds down, he seems to have settled on Mueller and Werth as the regulars on the left side.

"You can't always gauge on how they're hitting," Cook said. "You have to

TEAM CHEMISTRY IMPORTANT

Cook likes the road

There has been a lot of talk around the state about the success of the Nebraska football team on the road the past two seasons.

NU volleyball coach John Cook likes the road matches too, just as much as football coach Bo Pelini.

As of Nov. 1, the Huskers' only road loss was at Texas on Oct. 27. They also lost Aug. 29 to Florida, but that was a neutral site at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

"It's just like football," Cook said. "You have fewer distractions when you go on the road. You hunker down. You have night meetings. You have more time to create a mindset."

"Here, they're going to school. They have family. There are so many things to get in the way. On the road, it's all about the team and getting ready for that match."

NO SURE WINS

The balance across college volleyball shows up in the national rankings. There are no unbeaten teams left, and there were even five-loss teams (Southern Cal at No. 7, UCLA at No. 9 and Penn State at No. 10) in the top 10 in the Nov. 1 ratings.

That's why Cook says the Huskers have to be ready every night out.

"We're going to be worried about every match," Cook said last week. "All you have to do is look across college volleyball. Look at Florida State. They've lost five of their last seven. You look at what goes on in the Big Ten, the Pac-10 and UCLA (7-4 in the Pac-10), whoever thought they'd be in their position."

2010 Schedule

RUNZA/AVCA SHOWCASE

SAT, AUG 28	KENTUCKY	QWEST CENTER OMAHA	W, 3-0
SUN, AUG 29	FLORIDA	QWEST CENTER OMAHA	L, 2-3
TUE, AUG 31	CREIGHTON	OMAHA, NEB.	W, 3-0

BYU TOURNAMENT

FRI, SEP 3	BYU	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-1
SAT, SEP 4	CAL POLY	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 4	IDAHO STATE	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-0

AMERITAS PLAYERS CHALLENGE

THU, SEP 9	DAYTON	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-1
FRI, SEP 10	W. MICHIGAN	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 11	ILLINOIS	DEVANEY	W, 3-2

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAY

WED, SEP 15	IOWA STATE *	AMES, IOWA	W, 3-1
SAT, SEP 18	COLORADO *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
WED, SEP 22	KANSAS *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 25	BAYLOR *	WACO, TEXAS	W, 3-0
WED, SEP 29	OKLAHOMA *	NORMAN, OKLA.	W, 3-1
SAT, OCT 2	TEXAS *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-1
WED, OCT 6	MISSOURI *	COLUMBIA, MO.	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 9	TEXAS A&M *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 16	KANSAS STATE *	MANHATTAN, KAN.	W, 3-0
WED, OCT 20	TEXAS TECH *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 23	MISSOURI *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
WED, OCT 27	TEXAS *	AUSTIN, TEXAS	L, 1-3
SAT, OCT 30	IOWA STATE *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
WED, NOV 3	KANSAS *	LAWRENCE, KAN.	6:30 P.M.
SAT, NOV 6	TEXAS TECH *	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	6:30 P.M.
WED, NOV 10	KANSAS STATE *	NU COLISEUM	7 P.M.
SAT, NOV 13	COLORADO *	BOULDER, COLO.	TBA
WED, NOV 17	OKLAHOMA *	NU COLISEUM	7 P.M.
WED, NOV 24	BAYLOR *	NU COLISEUM	7 P.M.
SAT, NOV 27	TEXAS A&M *	COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS	TBA

NCAA TOURNAMENT

FRI, DEC 3-4	NCAA FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS		TBA
FRI, DEC 10-11	NCAA REGIONALS	TBA	TBA
THU, DEC 16	NCAA SEMIFINALS	KANSAS CITY, MO.	TBA
SAT, DEC 18	NATIONAL TITLE	KANSAS CITY, MO.	TBA

* BIG 12 CONFERENCE GAME



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look at all the other things they're doing, and that's one of the reasons. Tara has been starting because she serves and passes really well. In our system you've got to have that."

Mueller said she has been happy with what she's done in the passing game.

"I feel I've been a lot more consistent with my passing," Mueller said. "I feel like I've really stepped up my passing."

Hannah has been passing really well recently and Kayla (Banwarth) is always solid passing. I think we've been doing well in that, but we can always improve."

What Cook likes about Mueller's play is the success she's had in the most important matches.

"If you look at some of the big matches we've played in, she's played great, especially at the end she's made some great plays like serving an ace at Iowa State," Cook said. "The consistency part of it is what she's been missing."

"But I didn't start her at K-State (on Oct. 16). I brought her in and she played great. It's the consistency part we're looking for."

Consistency of effort certainly hasn't been a problem for Mueller.

"I feel like I've been doing

everything I can," Mueller said. "I think sometimes I try too hard, I get tight and I kind of bring my arm down when I'm tight and that takes away from my hitting. Maybe it's just being relaxed and going after it."

Cook expects to see more consistent offensive production from Mueller as the season winds down.

"I would say her expectations and our expectations are for

her to be a more consistent, high-level player," Cook said. "But again, she's working on that. She comes in and works on it every day. That's really all we can ask."

Mueller can see that her college career is rapidly winding down, along with those of fellow seniors Sydney Anderson, Lindsey Licht and Kayla Banwarth.

"All the seniors are pushing hard to have a great rest of the season," she said.

Mueller isn't sure what the future is holding for her after college is over. She wants to play more volleyball, possibly on a beach somewhere in California.

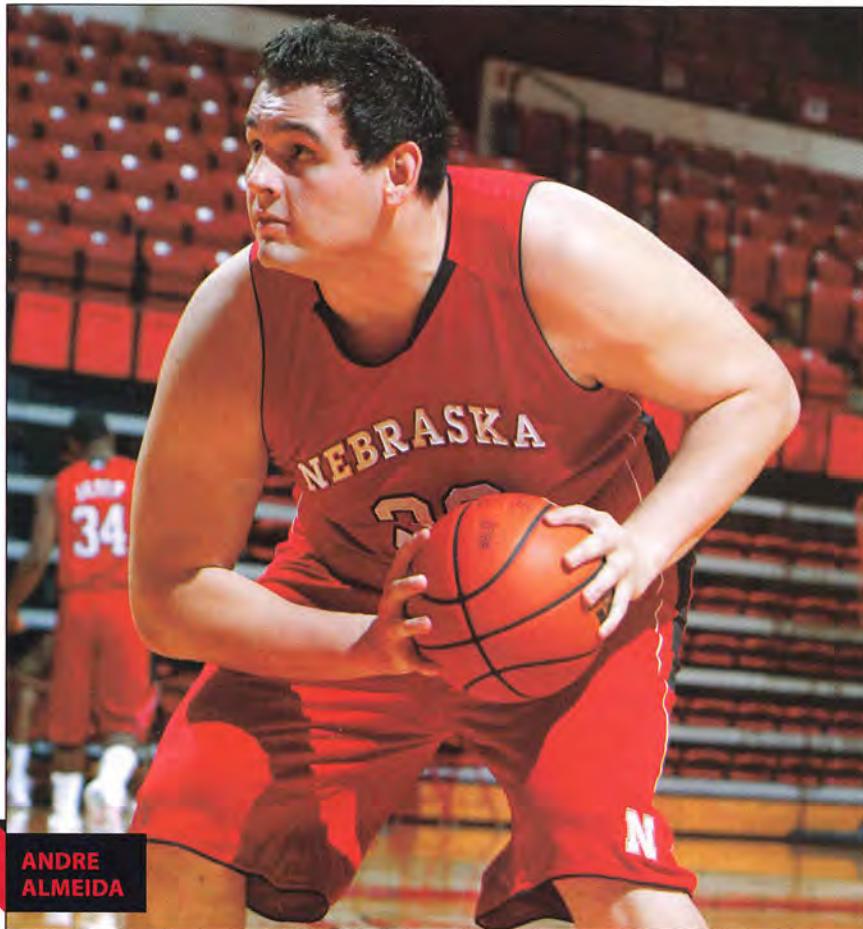
One thing is for sure, Mueller — who grew up in Scottsdale, Ariz., and had a hard time adjusting to Nebraska winters — wants to be where it's warm. I still hate the cold," she said.

"All the seniors are pushing hard to have a great rest of the season," Mueller said.

Around the Horn

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THIS ISSUE MEN'S BASKETBALL BASEBALL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOCCER



ANDRE ALMEIDA

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

ANDRE'S A GIANT

Brandon Ubel figured the 25 pounds he gained over the off-season would make a noticeable difference on the basketball court.

Then Nebraska added Andre Almeida to its basketball roster.

"He's just so big," said Ubel, a 6-foot-10,

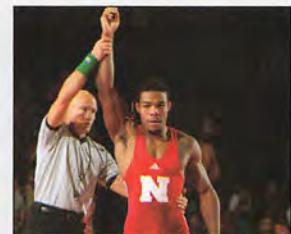
240-pound sophomore, who goes against the 6-11, 330-pound Almeida every day in practice. "And not only is he really big, you can't really move him off the block in the post. He takes up all that space, offense and defense.

"Trying to get position is probably the toughest thing to do against him,

which is frustrating at times for me, but I know it will be nice to have him down there when we're playing against everybody during the season."

And to think Almeida has lost 25 pounds since he arrived at Nebraska in August.

"He's definitely been working hard," Ubel said.



WRESTLING

Nebraska is ranked No. 15 in the NWCA Division I pre-season poll.

The Huskers return four NCAA Championship qualifiers and one All-American from last year's team that went 9-11 and finished 12th at the NCAA Championships.

Jordan Burroughs, Nebraska's only returning All-American, is back for a fifth year of eligibility after missing much of last season with a knee injury. Burroughs, now a 165-pounder, owns a 92-20 career record and is the only undefeated national champion in school history after going 35-0 during the 2008-09 season.

All five Big 12 Conference wrestling teams are ranked in the NWCA Top 25, including four in the top 10, led by No. 3 Oklahoma State. Nebraska will also face No. 4 Minnesota and No. 5 Wisconsin – future Big Ten foes – in the non-conference.

The Huskers open the season Nov. 21 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Buckeye Duals.

"You can tell. He gets up and down the court pretty well for his size. But lately you notice he's going longer, going harder. He's come a long ways."

Almeida's improved conditioning level will likely translate into more minutes than coach Doc Sadler had originally planned from the junior college transfer.

"It's not even close," Sadler said, comparing Almeida's conditioning level now with August. "But a lot of that credit goes to him. He's in here on his own every morning, probably six days, if not seven days a week, getting another 30 to 45 minutes of cardiovascular."

Almeida, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is very skilled with the basketball, both shooting and passing. He averaged 13.7 points, 8.5 rebounds and four blocks during his two-year career at Arizona Western, and led the nation in field-goal percentage as a freshman, when he shot 71 percent from the field.

"Coming in, seeing how big he was, you wouldn't

think that he'd be that skilled, have good touch, be able to shoot the ball, be able to pass the ball the way he does," Ubel said. "He really has a nice feel for the game. He knows where guys are, he makes really good passes. He's got a really good basketball IQ."

Almeida said he's been adjusting to a higher level of play.

"I'm now starting to get like what I have to do on this team, how I have to

play. It's different, but I'm getting better," Almeida said. "We have a pretty tall team. In my juco, I was going against 6-7 guys, 6-8 guys, and here I go against 7-footers every time. It's good for me. It makes me better, makes them better."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman forward Jordan Hooper's 21 points, eight rebounds, four steals and two assists led Nebraska to a 78-60 victory over Pittsburgh

State in the Huskers' first exhibition game.

Senior center Catheryn Redmon and sophomore forward Katya Leick both recorded double-doubles with 14 points and 11 rebounds apiece.

Nebraska broke open a 35-33 halftime lead thanks to 16 offensive rebounds in the second half and won the rebounding battle 57-36.

The Huskers played with only one returning starter from last year's Big 12

championship and NCAA Sweet 16 team – sophomore guard Lindsey Moore, who had 11 points, four rebounds, four assists, three blocked shots and two steals.

SOCCER

Nebraska lost its regular-season finale at Colorado, 2-1, but held onto third place in the final Big 12 Conference standings. The Huskers earned the No. 3 seed in the Big 12 Tournament and a first-round match-up with Missouri.

Nebraska and Oklahoma finished tied for third place, but Nebraska won



the tiebreaker because of the goal differential in conference matches.

The Huskers defeated Missouri 4-2 on Oct. 10 in Lincoln. The Huskers and Tigers have not met in the Big 12 Championship since 2003 when MU defeated NU in the semifinals. The Huskers lead the all-time series, 16-3-0.

Sophomore Morgan Marlborough finished the regular season as the Big 12's leading scorer for the second straight year with 44 points on 21 goals and seven assists. Sophomore teammate Jordan Jackson tied for second in points with 29 (10 goals, nine assists).

MEN'S GOLF

Nebraska concluded the fall portion of its schedule with an 11th-place finish at the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate in Las Cruces, N.M. The Huskers' 54-hole score of 888 was 30 shots back of team champion Kansas.

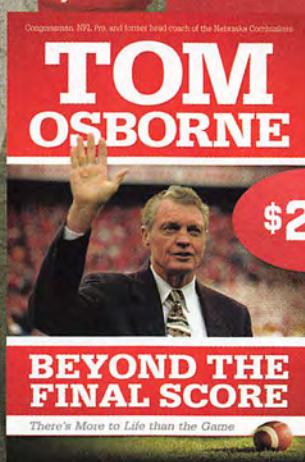
Senior Andrew Wyatt led the Huskers with his 221 total over three rounds. He finished tied for 27th in the tournament, and his final round 69 tied the best score by a Husker over three rounds.

Nebraska highlighted its fall season with three straight top-three finishes, including second place at the Kansas Invitational.



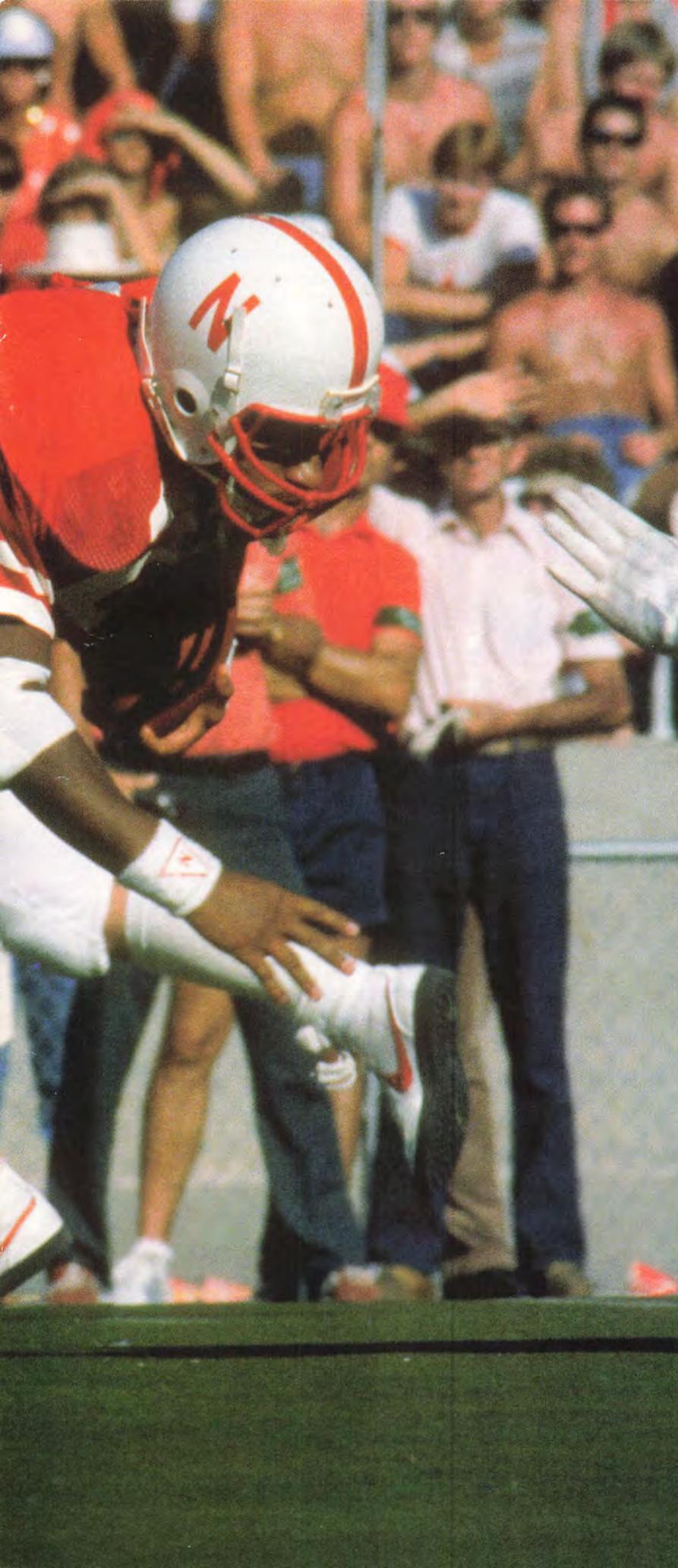
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

SEMINOLE WOES

Nebraska is 2-6 all-time against Florida State, with four of the games, all losses, in bowls, two Fiesta and two Orange. Because Florida State was just beginning its rise to national prominence under Bobby Bowden when the series began, the other four games were at Memorial Stadium, including the one in this photograph from 1985. Paul Miles (21) carries in a 17-13 Husker loss. Split end Robb Schnitzler (85) blocks. Nebraska finished with a sizeable advantage in total offense, 412 yards to 290 yards. Only 40 of the Husker yards came through the air, however, as quarterbacks Travis Turner and McCathorn Clayton combined to complete just 3-of-14 passes, with one interception. Nebraska also lost two fumbles, while the Seminoles, though being forced to punt nine times, were turnover-free. And yes, that Florida State team included a young Deion Sanders, who was credited with four tackles and returned two punts for 6 yards. Nebraska lost the first game in the series in 1980 by the same margin, 18-14. The Huskers won in 1981 (34-14) and 1986 (34-17), Sanders' sophomore season.



GAMES REMEMBERED

A LUCKY BREAK

Huskers get calls to go their way down the stretch in rally over Kansas to begin 32-game win streak

It's better to be good than lucky, of course. But a little luck never hurts. And Nebraska players and coaches were willing to concede an element of luck in the victory that began a 32-game unbeaten streak, which included back-to-back national championships.

The Cornhuskers drove 88 yards on 13 plays for the winning touchdown. Jeff Kinney carried the ball into the end zone from 3 yards out with 1:22 remaining.

Kinney wouldn't have had the opportunity,

however, if not for the aforementioned luck.

Nebraska faced fourth-and-16 at its own 37-yard line. Sophomore quarterback Jerry Tagge, under pressure, passed in desperation to tight end Jim McFarland.

The ball sailed beyond McFarland's reach. Even so, Kansas was penalized for pass interference, prompting Jayhawks captain Emory Hicks to complain, drawing a personal foul penalty and moving the ball 15 yards farther, to the Kansas

17-yard line – first down

Nebraska.

A couple of plays and another personal foul penalty on Kansas, half the distance to the goal, moved the Huskers to first-and-goal at the 3-yard line, setting up Kinney's touchdown.

BOB DEVANEY: "We've had a lot of things which have gone against us in the past couple of years. But if you keep coming back and don't give up, you just never know what can happen in a football game."

NEBRASKA 21, KANSAS 17

Oct. 18, 1969 • Memorial Stadium

Kansas	0	7	7	3	—	17
Nebraska	6	8	0	7	—	21

(N) Paul Rogers 55 field goal
(N) Rogers 46 field goal
(N) Jeff Kinney 1 run (Kinney pass Jerry Tagge)
(K) John Mosier 19 pass Jim Ettinger (Bill Bell kick)
(K) Ettinger 1 run (Bell kick)
(K) Bell 24 field goal
(N) Kinney 3 run (Rogers kick)

Attendance: 66,667

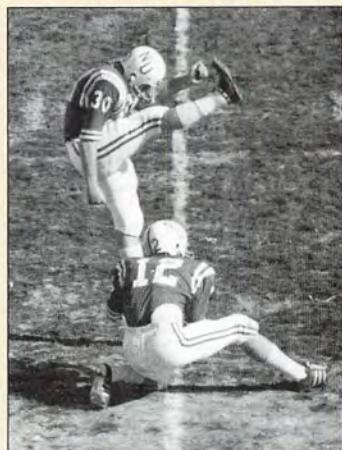
DO YOU REMEMBER?

► Paul Rogers' 55-yard field goal was a school-record distance. The record was not broken until Alex Henery's memorable 57-yarder against Colorado in 2008. Rogers set the previous record the season before, 54 yards against Wyoming.

► How times have changed. Rogers' second field goal gave him eight for his career, tying the school record held by Larry Wachholtz. Rogers went into the Kansas game 0-for-5 on field goal attempts.

► The Blackshirts were put to the test. Nebraska lost four fumbles. Middle guard Ken Geddes led the Huskers with 12 tackles. Defensive end Sherwin Jarmon blocked a Kansas field goal attempt, after one of the lost fumbles, with 12:01 remaining, 2 minutes after Bill Bell's 24-yard field goal had given the Jayhawks the lead.

► Kansas coach Pepper Rodgers responded with "no comment" three times during his post-game interview, in response to questions about the pass interference and the two personal foul penalties that followed.



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ACROSS

- Former Kansas running back in College and Pro Hall of Fame
- Secondary coach
- NU assistant formerly at Kansas
- Wears No. 17 (defense)
- Lou Groza Award semifinalist for second straight year
- Wears No. 12 (defense)
- Former Kansas quarterback who threw for 11,194 yards and 90 touchdowns
- Nov. 26 opponent
- Kansas school color
- Number of Roy Helu touchdowns vs. Missouri
- Former Kansas head coach
- Outland Trophy winner 1983
- Long snapper
- Wears No. 53 (defense)
- Radio "Voice of the Huskers"
- Wears No. 8 (defense)

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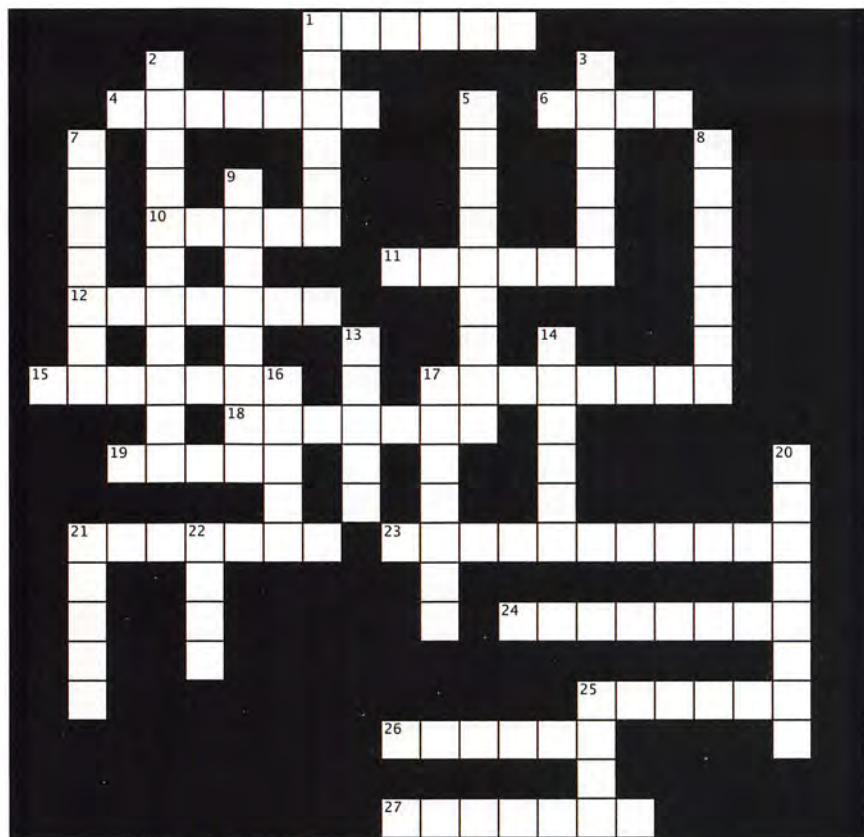
- Wears No. 71 (offense)
- Ex-Husker defensive end now with Detroit Lions
- Ex-Husker defensive end now with Buffalo Bills
- Outland Trophy winner 1982
- Kickoff returner
- Turner Gill's former school
- Kansas campus location
- Intercepted pass vs. Missouri
- Head strength coach
- Wears No. 17 (offense)
- Wears No. 51 (defense)
- Ex-Husker defensive end now with Washington Redskins
- Holder for place-kicks
- Kansas head coach
- Leading receiver vs. Missouri

Answers will appear in the Nov. 20 issue

HUSKERNUTZ



SOMETIMES, HUSKERNUTZ CAN SAY SOME PRETTY AMAZING THINGS.



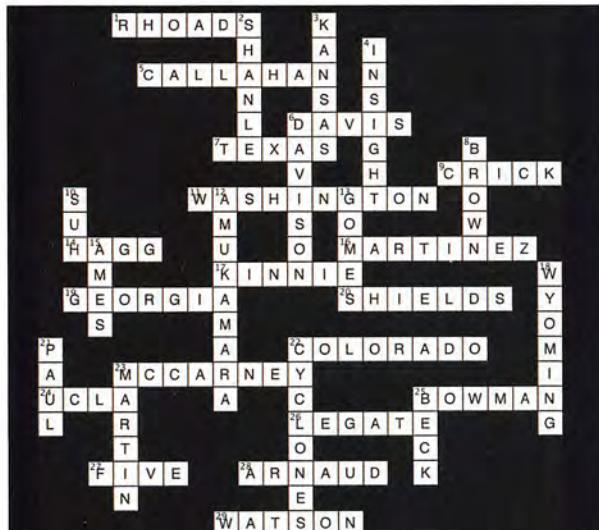
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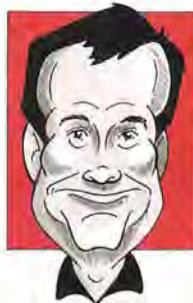
Niles Paul caught nine passes against Oklahoma State to tie for eighth on the Huskers' all-time, single-game list. The school record is 14. Who holds it: Marlon Lucky, Maurice Purify, Bobby Thomas, Dennis Richnafsky, Tom Penney, Jeff Kinney, Johnny Rodgers?

Answer will appear in our next issue

NOV. 6 ANSWER: Cory Ross

NOVEMBER 6 SOLUTION





THE FINAL WORD

BY MIKE BABCOCK

Nebraska-Iowa State series comes to fitting end

WELCOME TO THE TWILIGHT ZONE, to Jack Trice Stadium in windy Ames, Iowa.

And then good-bye, for the last time.

"I don't care how you do it; you enjoy it," Bo Pelini said. "I don't care how you win."

How Nebraska won its final football game against Iowa State, in the foreseeable future anyway, was 31-30 in overtime, with a finish that was as unlikely as what occurred during the 60 minutes of regulation that preceded it. There were subplots aplenty.

The intrigue began long before the opening kickoff, with speculation as to whether Husker quarterback Taylor Martinez was healthy enough to play.

He was not, except for one play on which he lined up split wide, with running back Rex Burkhead taking a direct snap from center, in the "Wildcat" formation.

Martinez came in after Green got dinged and wobbled off the field late in the first quarter.

During pre-game warm-ups, however, Martinez took snaps from the No. 1 center, Mike Caputo, while Cody Green took snaps from the No. 2 center, Cole Pensick, and Zac Lee took snaps from the No. 3 center, Spencer Long. It appeared as if the quarterback situation were normal.

Turns out, it was not. Turns out, Martinez was less than 100-percent healthy, though he was an "emergency guy," according to Pelini. Turns out, Lee was less than 100-percent healthy. And turns out, the

sophomore Green would get his first start this season, and third of his career.

In fact, turns out the coaches "really kind of made it clear earlier in the week" that he would start, Green said. How early? "Tuesday or Wednesday, somewhere around there."

Also, turns out that Nebraska worked more on plays from the "Wildcat" formation during the week than it had previously, with Burkhead taking the snaps and running zone reads with Roy Helu, Jr.

On more than one of the 20 times he kept the ball and ran with it, Burkhead showed why Duffy Daugherty or Vince Lombardi or maybe some other legendary football coach once pointed out that football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport, that dancing is a contact sport.

"He is a man-child," Green said of Burkhead.

So if Burkhead showed he was a man-child and if Martinez, who was only to be used in an emergency, got in the game only once, why in the name of Jim Walden (remember the 1992 game here?) did Nebraska need overtime to win against a 5-4 Iowa State team that had allowed 120 points in back-to-back losses against Utah and Oklahoma less than a month ago?

For one thing, that Iowa State team didn't show up. The one that won at Texas did.

And for another, "we had our opportunities to put it away and we didn't," said Pelini.

In fact, after the Huskers took a 24-10 lead with 21 seconds remaining in the third quarter, it appeared they finally had the game under control. But that was not to be.

Green was among several players, as well as the linesman, who had to leave the game briefly. Husker offensive guard Keith Williams was replaced by freshman Andrew Rodriguez but quickly returned. Iowa State quarterback Austen Arnaud had to be helped from the field but immediately came back. And the linesman went down, only to come back after missing just one play.

Who would have imagined that at 5:49 p.m., 3 hours and 13 minutes after the opening kickoff, the team captains would again meet at mid-field for a second coin toss?

Who could have imagined that after the Huskers needed only two Burkhead carries and an Alex Henery extra-point kick to take a 31-24 lead that the outcome wouldn't be determined until Eric Hagg picked off a pass thrown by holder Daniel Kuehl, intended for tight end Collin Franklin?

For a fleeting instant, it appeared the play would work.

Thus, did the Nebraska-Iowa State series come to an end. ■

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